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of holding an international confer-

ence in Gaza this weekend on the

Netanyahu, who returned last

night from a two-day visit to

Russia, is to confer with Foreign

Minister David Levy before the

cabinet meeting for an update on Levy's meeting with US Ambassador Martin Indyk. He is

also to meet with Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai regarding his visit to Jordan and his talks with

settlers over the implementation of

the first phase of the IDF pullback

Netanyahu said yesterday he was fed up" with accusations that

Israeli actions were hurting the

chances for peace in the Middle

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said. "It should have been thrown

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"I'm not going to accept this same kind of approach again and again," he said. "If the Palestinians

are serious about peace, let them sit

them sit down with us.

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"A few mouths ago we were

the end of his visit to Moscow.

"I'm getting, frankly, fed up with the idea that everything we do is a violation of the [peace] agreement, and everything the Palestinians say

in Judea and Samaria.

peace process.

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Inner cabinet to

meet over crisis

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Foreign Minister David Levy (right) meets yesterday at the Foreign Ministry with US Ambassador Martin Indyk. Levy said the US should "not lend a hand to the drama orchestrated by Arafat which is aimed at putting Israel on trial," according to an Israeli official. Indyk said US Consul-General Edward Abington would attend the international meeting in Gaza planned for Saturday. (Remer)

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International conference or gimmick?

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

When the Madrid peace conference convened in 1991, the glittering, historic gathering was attended by, among others, then-US president George Bush, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, then-prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and foreign ministers of surrounding Arab countries, including Syria and Lebanon. The rules of Madrid were crafted carefully

over many months, as Israel sought to ensure that such an august body not impose a peace deal, but rather allow negotiations to unfold directly.

This week, the Palestinians have announced they are convening an "international conference" in Gaza, but it does not resemble Madrid in any fashion.

On one hand, Israel should view the meeting as expressing broad international concern about the future of the peace process and, therefore, not be dismissive.

But it would be a major error to elevate this meeting into some form of Madrid II. While the Palestinians want to conjure up this association, it is in fact more like a glorified publicrelations briefing that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will be holding for ambassadors and consul-generals with a little pomp, long-winded speeches and perhaps a statement at the end, but even this is unclear.

As Labor leader Shimon Peres bristled yesterday, "Arafat has met with diplomats many times before, so he will do it one more time. This does not make it an international conference."

US Ambassador Martin Indyk was cited as saying in a meeting with Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday. "This is a periodic meeting that Arafat has in Gaza. Nothing more." He later said it was "ridiculous" to call

it an international conference. The Palestinians are looking for gimmicky media mileage and hope to find it by calling

this an "international conference." Their interest is understandable. What is less understandable is that Israel, in the words of one western diplomat, "is playing into Arafat's hands" by denouncing the event as an international conference when it is little more than a briefing. Once Foreign Minister David Levy slammed

the session as an "international conference" that Israel would fight since it could "freeze the peace process," the story was blared on the front pages. By highlighting the issue, Levy gave Arafat another success, as if he were able to summon heads of state from throughout the world at a minute's notice to an "international conference."

Only yesterday in Moscow, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu lowered the tone, saying he would not object if Arafat held yet another briefing for diplomats.

It is not in Israel's interest to turn an Arafat gimmick into something it is definitely not.

meeting of US, European, and Arab envoys would rescue Middle Fast peace from a crisis over Israeli settlement plans in the West Bank. Asked why he had called the

Strip, Arafat told reporters in English: "To protect the peace process... and to face the breaching of [the agreement by] the Israelis." Prime Minister Binyamin The US, Israel's closest ally, on Netanyahu is to convene the inner cabinet today to discuss the growing crisis with the Palestinians, including Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's intention



Tuesday tightened the noose of international pressure by agreeing to send an envoy to the meeting.

"Chairman Arafat obviously feels the need to talk to friendly countries around the world, and that's appropriate," said State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns.

The US supports the meeting, another senior administration figure said in Washington, because it is an opportunity for the Palestinians to vent their anger regarding recent Israeli decisions on Har Homa and further redeployment.

This is especially so after the US vetoed last Friday's UN Security Council decision condemning the planned construction of a Jewish eighborhood on Jerusalem's Har

A second US official said the administration does not view Arafat's event as a "conference," but as a "meeting of the countries present at the signing of the interim agreement."

We do not regard this as a mechanism for resolving disputes. That has to be done by the parties," he said.

Representatives of the US, Russia, the European Union, Japan, Norway, Egypt, and Jordan are expected to attend the meeting.

down with us. If they are serious about airing their differences, let Meanwhile, while Arafat may be boycotting the government, he wel-comed more than 100 Israeli busi-"Every time we do something nessmen to Gaza yesterday. The that is not, in their eyes, what they meeting with the group of busi-'want, they don't say 'Let's come to nessmen signified that social relathe table. ... they immediately cretions with Israel, and continuing relations at military level, were not Arafat said yesterday he hopes a to be confused with governmentto-government problems, since Arafat is convinced that Israeli public opinion and even the IDF

supports his position. Addressing the group in a large room in his Gaza headquarters, he spoke about the need for a "peace of the brave." He did not mention Netanyahu, with whom he is currently refusing to speak, but talked about the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. "We should walk in

his footsteps," he said.

Although the meeting is not the Madrid-style international confer-ence which Foreign Minister David Levy said Tuesday could lead to a freezing of the peace process, it is clear that Arafat wants it to create an international consensus. That would make it easier to confront what he considers to be unilateral Israeli decisions, which strengthen Netanyahu's position in his government by humiliating him.

"We've got to negotiate from the position of equals," Amit Leshin, a Labor Party organizer who brought the businessmen to Gaza, quoted PA officials as saying.

PA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdel-Rahman denied that the diplomats' meeting is designed to embarrass Israel. "I'm astonished by [Israel's] refusal to come to this conference," he said. "They should come and commit themselves to peace as well. President Arafat is trying to save the peace process and that is very clear to the world."

The PA is confident that if Israel did attend, it would be like the defendant in the dock and its participation would enhance the appearance of an international neace conference.

The very personal and contemptuous letter from King Hussein of Jordan to Netanyahu was especially pleasing to Arafat, since Netanyahu has often said that good relations with Jordan do not depend on good relations with Arafat.

Hussein had been shocked by the Israel-PLO accord at Oslo and was not unhappy at Netanyahu's elec-

tion victory.
"Jordan finds that Israeli policy will destroy peace in the Middle East, not only between Palestine and Israel," Abdel-Rahman said. "It will destroy peace with Jordan and Egypt, and normalization with the Arab world will end."

The warm atmosphere of the meetings held by the businessmen belied the crisis atmosphere in PA-Israel relations, said Leshin.

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Haredim harass Jehovah's Witnesses

By HAIM SHAPIRO

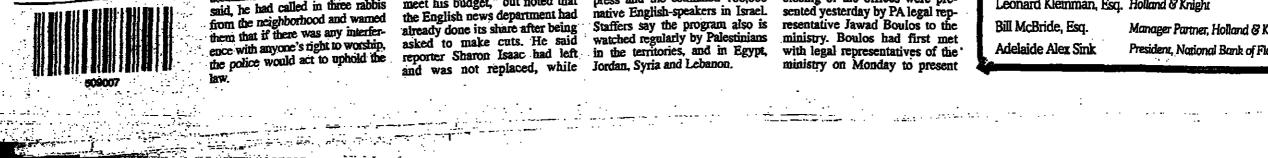
A congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lod has been the victim of a campaign of violent harassment by haredim, apparently Habad bassidim. This culminated Saturday night, when a mob ransacked the congregation's meeting hall and sang and danced around a bonfire of Bibles and religious literature, members of the Christian congregation reported yesterday.

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe it is their religious duty to convince others of the truth of their beliefs.

"What we do is go around and talk to people about the Bible," said Mark Einstein, a spokesman for the movement. He said it has 750 to 800 active members, with another 1,000 who attend services. The Lod congregation, which is adjacent to a Habad neighborhood and school, has about 50 members.

According to Albin Neupert, a member of the Lod group, the first attacks on the congregation began in November. Then, he said, there was quiet until another attack came two weeks ago on Saturday night.

As one family tried to leave, they were met with a barrage of stones. A man, 60, was hit in the head and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. Members of the group called the police from inside, but the squad car arrived with only two policemen,



who could not control the mob, Neupert said.

Eventually, he added, three more police cars arrived, but they, too, could do nothing. The police finally told the worshipers to leave despite the stone-throwing. The worshipers, who filed a complaint with the police, were told that one man had been detained and then released. During the next few days, Neupert said, the harassment continued with

graffiti daubed on the building. This past Saturday night there was no one in the hall, but witnesses from a nearby building reported that a mob of over 200 people dressed in haredi garb attacked the building. Neupert said the scene was one of total destruction. Chairs, the platform, the speaker's stand, the amplifying system and the acoustic tiles from the ceiling were all smashed in what appeared to be a frenzy of

destruction, he said. Neupert said that, according to a witness, the attackers sang and danced for about two hours around a bonfire of the literature and Bibles from the hall. According to the witnesses, the attackers sang, "Long live the messiah, the king."

Ramle-Lod deputy police chief Yossi Boker said the police had been called by bystanders. When officers arrived, he said, a crowd was still present but it was impossible to identify specific individuals as the assailants. The following day, he said, he had called in three rabbis from the neighborhood and warned them that if there was any interference with anyone's right to worship, the police would act to uphold the

IBA news fights for survival

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Israel Broadcasting Authority's English news staffers are mounting a campaign to prevent the reported plans for their department's closure and the end of its daily English-language news broadcasts.

Israel Television head Yair Stern reportedly proposed shutting down IBA English News in an internal IBA document, as part of a series of steps he outlined recently to meet tightened IBA budgets.

According to a report in the Hebrew press, Stern said the program costs NIS 1.5 million a year, plus 500 overtime hours a month. He suggested the broadcasts could be replaced by a fiveminute daily news bulletin produced by the Hebrew department. Alternately, he suggested having the English news financed by the Tourism or

Foreign Ministry. But acting English news editor Steve Leibowitz said, "Doing away with the IBA [English] News would be an easy solution, rather than tackling the real problem - the elements in the building which don't produce what they cost."

Leibowitz said Stem "is just looking for ways to cut costs, to meet his budget," but noted that the English news department had already done its share after being asked to make cuts. He said and was not replaced, while Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

senior political correspondent David Essing "was forced to go back to the radio" and would not

be replaced either. He added that the pool of 30 freelance-journalist days a month used to produce the broadcasts had been cut to 20, meaning staffers were now doing two or three times the amount of work they did before.

Leibowitz said the cost of IBA News in 1996 was NIS 1,724,000, while its 1997 budget stands at NIS 1.2m., although the departure of Essing and Isaac made it even less than that.

Leibowitz and his fellow staffers were incensed over not being called in to discuss the proposed closure of the department. Instead, they read about it in the

"That's not the way to treat workers," Leibowitz said. An Israel Television spokes-

woman said there were no operative plans yet to close down the department. The IBA English News was founded in September 1990, and is the country's only English-language television newscast. It airs a 15-minute broadcast at 6:15 on weekdays, and a 10minute broadcast on Fridays and Saturdays.

It counts among its viewers tourists, diplomats, the foreign press and the estimated 100,000 native English-speakers in Israel. Staffers say the program also is watched regularly by Palestinians reporter Sharon Isaac had left in the territories, and in Egypt,

Kahalani to consult A-G on closing PA offices documents proving that the four Committee yesterday.

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and LIAT COLLINS

Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani will consult today with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein on the legality of closing four Palestinian offices in eastern Jerusalem.

Kahalani said yesterday the four offices under threat of closure are controlled by the Palestinian Authority, but as of last night he had not yet decided whether to close them.

"They are controlled by the PA, and I can tell you that the people who are working there get their salary from the PA and they are working for the PA," said Kahalani. "We have enough reason to close these offices.

"We are not looking to embarrass them or to try to work against the PA, but with all due respect towards them, they have to keep the agreement that we signed in Oslo. It is written that they are not allowed to work from Jerusalem."

The four offices are the Office for Small Projects, the Committee for the Wounded, the Welfare and Development Committee and the Office of National Institutions.

Final arguments against the closing of the offices were presented yesterday by PA legal representative Jawad Boulos to the ministry. Boulos had first met with legal representatives of the ministry on Monday to present

offices were not affiliated with the PA.

Kahalani discussed the offices

"I'm not scared to close them. I'll do it happily, but only in accordance with the law," Kahalani told with the Knesset Interior the committee.



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Gov't awaits OK for Har Homa

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The government will not begin building on Har Homa Sunday, because it wants to wait until after the High Court of Justice hears four petitions against the construc-

The court is scheduled to meet on Wednesday to hear the appeals. Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday his ministry is prepared to begin work. Contracts have been signed with a construction firm, but Porush said work would not begin until the petitions have been heard, even though no injunction has been

Asked about threats of violence over Har Homa, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said: "Anyone who grows tired of the struggle for Jerusalem should ask himself what he is doing here. The police are good and there are sufficient forces, and we are prepared for whatever we need to be prepared for. The struggle for Jerusalem is at a height at the moment, and the Har Homa construction is part of that struggle."

An injunction barring construction was requested on February 27 by MKs Haim Oron (Meretz) and

Avraham Poraz (Shinui-Meretz), the day after the government's ministerial committee on Jerusalem gave approval for build-ing on Har Homa. The justice on

duty postponed hearing that peti-tion, moving instead to have the petition combined with two others that had previously been filed, and to have the petitions heard by a panel of three judges.
Following the judge's decision,

the permit to begin construction on Har Homa was signed later that day by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai.

A fourth petition was then filed by Ir Shalem, an affiliate of Peace Now, on behalf of 29 people from Sur Bahir and Umm Tuba, according to Hagit Ya'ari, a spokeswoman for Peace Now. That appeal was combined with the other three.

The process by which building on Har Homa - or any new construction - can take place involves a 14-day waiting period after a building permit is signed. Then, work can begin. The 14-day period for Har Homa ends Sunday.

Ya'ari said the 14-day interval is the reason nothing has happened yet at Har Homa.

"When everyone said that Minister Binyamin Netanyahul is caving in to the

international pressure [not to build], it wasn't true. He legally, can't build until two weeks pass: It's standard for any building.

Moshe Eilat, an advisor to the Ministry of Construction and Housing, which is in charge of building on Har Homa, said his ministry is "ready and eager" to start construction.

However, Eilat said, the ministry does not want to start on Sunday, "because then they will stop us, and we don't want them to stop us and then start again. We want that everything will be clear from a legal point of

He said he was confident that the petition would be rejected.
Within a day of the end of any legal issues, Eilat said, bulldozers could arrive on Har Homa and begin tearing up the ground. That should take about two weeks, he said, after which construction on infrastructure and housing will

The work will be contracted out by the Housing Ministry, he said, but the overall administration is in the ministry's hands.

commence.

"We are in charge of everything. from A to Z," Eilat said. "We are responsible for everything." Liat Collins contributed to this

IDF opens

Netzarim

road



Roadblock detail

Soldiers set up a roadblock outside Bethlehem yesterday. Following protests in the town, the IDF barred entry to Israeli citizens for several bours in the afternoon, when dozens of Palestinian youths held a march past Rachel's Tomb. The youths had broken off from a nearby demonstration of some 1,000 Bethlehem residents against the settlements and construction plans for Har Homa.

Peleg: UN is not a substitute for talks

NEW YORK - Israel accused the Palestinians of "dysfunctional behavior" yesterday as the UN General Assembly opened a debate that is expected to condemn the Har Homa project.

Israeli charge d'affaires David Peleg told the General Assembly that the UN is not the place to discuss "contentious" issues between Israel and the Palestinians.

"Israel, too, has grievances concerning Palestinian violations of our agreements, Peleg said in a speech to the assembly. "But we prefer not to misuse this body to air our con-

Speaking with reporters after his speech, Peleg repeated that disagreements should be resolved in direct talks between the two sides. "Unfortunately, the Palestinians have fallen into dysfunctional behavior patterns" by running to third parties, Peleg said.

If a resolution against Har Homa is passed, he said, "the result would be to encourage

more extreme attitudes. More than 30 speakers were scheduled to address the assembly yesterday. Israel was expected to face wide condemnation when the 185-member assembly votes on the Israeli plan to build 6,500 housing units in Jerusalem. That vote was expected today.

Last Friday, the US vetoed a resolution in which the Security Council would have opposed the Har Homa project. Arab states then sought the assembly session, although an assembly resolution would not be binding. solve

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The PLO observer to the UN, Nasser al-Kidwa, called the Har Homa project a "colonial settlement" in "occupied Palestinian territory." He then went on to list what he called a series of Israeli violations of the status of Jerusalem, including the opening of the second entrance to the Western Wall Tunnel."

There can be no peace in the Middle East without the restoration of our legal rights in Jerusalem," al-Kidwa said.

Settlers, Mordechai meet over pullback

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By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Settler leaders met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday to give him a long list of proposals and "cosmetic changes" before the final maps of the Phase 1 withdrawal receive authorization.

The settlers also impressed upon Mordechai the necessity to involve them in discussions regarding future pullbacks, charging that as representatives of the areas where withdrawal will take place, "no one understands the needs of the communities

better than" they.

Attending the meeting at the
Laromme Hotel were Pinhas
Wallerstein, chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, council director Aharon Domb and a majority of the mayors of all the regional and local councils that make up the communities. Accompanying Mordechai were Defense Ministry officials and top IDF officers, including OC Central Command Uzi Dayan.

The settlers' council raised 46 proposals and Mordechai agreed on 40. promising to examine the remaining six. According to council spokes-woman Yehudit Tayar, Mordechai was very receptive and endeavored to understand the difficulties facing the settlers in future withdrawals.

Although Tayar refused to divulge details of the proposals, she said the council's recommendations would not affect the amount of land transferred to the Palestinian Authority, but would improve the security

problems faced by some settlements. Two settlements facing isolation under the current pullback, said Tayar, are Karmei Tzur and Yitzhar. Mordechai, she said, "basically agreed" to demands raised on behalf of Karmei Tzur residents regarding the building of a 7 kilometer bypass road that would link up to Gush Etzion junction, thus keeping the settlers from having to travel through neighboring Beit Umar and Al-Araub. Yitzhar, near Nablus, she said, is also extremely isolated.

Mordechai told reporters after the meeting that he understood the settlers' distress and according to the government's decision he was free to make amendments on the map. Mordechai added that the IDF and security forces were ready to redeploy despite the Palestinians recent demands and the summit planned for Saturday. "We want to carry out the government's decision, and there is every chance that the Palestinian Authority will cooperate, even though they aren't satisfied with the size of the withdrawal."

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH Residents of the Netzarim

settlement had difficulty comprehending an IDF decision to open the road running next to their settlement to all Palestinians yesterday.

The road that runs 20 meters from the settlement and continues towards the sea has been the source of clashes in the past when residents protested, fearing for their safety.

In 1994, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered its closuré after a bomb at Netzarim Junction killed 3 soldiers. Last December, the road was opened only to Palestinian Police and

"I can't understand why the decision was made when things are so tense," said resident Shlomit Ziv, adding that the residents hadn't been informed of the decision and many had gone to work without even realizing the change. "I am sure this evening when people return home the issue will be discussed."

Head of the Gaza Regional Council Aharon Tzur said he had not been informed of the change

NEWSLINE

with Dr. Menachem Klein, an expert on Palestinian affairs in the department of Political Science, Bar-Ilan University, and research fellow at the Jerusalem Institute.

Is there a real crisis, as opposed to a manufactured one, in rela-tions between Israel and the Palestinians and if so to what

There is a crisis of regional and international proportions in relations between Israel and America, as well as with Europe, Egypt and Jordan, and not just between Israel and the Palestinians. Its roots were in the government's decision over Har Homa and then the decisions taken over the first phase of redeployment in which the Palestinians had expected to receive more territory that would be under their sole control. The Palestinians virtually begged to be consulted on these issues, but the government refused. Since then the Palestinians have built up the crisis, but it is nonetheless real and serious.

What is the significance of the international conference on the Oslo accords, being organized by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, which is due to be held in Gaza on Saturday?

For the first time, an international forum, which may have the potential for becoming a permanent forum, will be discussing the peace process and bilateral talks between Israel and its peace partners - without Israel actually taking part. The immediate meaning is that Israel is politically isolated. Although the significance of America's participation is being played down, it is meaningful because it is an indication of US displeasure with the government's policies. Furthermore, the forum could be used in future as a lobby to put pressure on Israel, while Arafat will no doubt use the conference as a stepping stone towards achieving international recognition for his ultimate aim of turning the Palestinian Authority into a Palestinian state.

Is there a way out of the present crisis through some kind of formula or compromise that would prove acceptable to both Israel and the Palestinians?

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the original advertisement have not changed.

Firstly, the government has to freeze the decision to begin construction work on Har Homa. This has become the main issue and potential flashpoint. Secondly, a summit meeting between the leaders of Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, with the participation of the Americans, could be very useful in helping to renew the negotiations and direct dialogue, as well as being used as a step to re-building political confidence. If these two measures were to be adopted it could help take the wind out of the sails of the international conference in Gaza and deflate the growing feelings of anger and frustration among the Palestinian people themselves. What is the likely outcome if these or other steps to reduce ten-

sion are not taken and the government adheres to its decisions? If the government maintains its tough stance and there is no direct dialogue, there will undoubtedly be popular protests by the Palestinians against Israel. There have already been some minor confrontations on a local level as well as the bigger demonstrations. Arafat is trying to contain and control the situation and is keeping his police. in their bases and not allowing them participate in any of the protests as civilians. There is a genuine fear, however, that some of these demonstrations or protests could get out of hand and out of control and lead to violent clashes with bloody and tragic results. The crunch would no doubt come the minute the bulldozers move onto Har Homa. Is there also concern, in such circumstances, of a renewal of

Hamas and Islamic Jihad suicide and terror attacks? There is a great deal of frustration and anger among the Palestinians, inflamed to some extent by the Palestinian media, over the situation at the moment. The attack on the soldier on guard duty at Tench Omarim was an example of what appears to have been an initiative by individuals. If this mood continues to build up there is a danger of a renewal of terror attacks. Arafat, himself, may not give the go ahead for them, but Hamas could interpret the recent release of one of their radical leaders, as well as their participation in several political discussions with Arafat, as silent approval for such

Israeli Arab leaders to protest 'settlement policy'

By DAVID RUDGE

Israeli Arab leaders are to meet in Rahat in the Negev today to decide on measures to protest against what they describe as the government's settlement policies especially the Har Homa building project.
The meeting will take place

amid growing concern in the Israeli Arab community over the crisis in the peace talks with the Palestinians and Israel-Jordan relations.

"There is deep fear over the deterioration in the peace process and where this might lead, as well as anger at the government's policies which have brought this about," said Abed Inbitawi, spokesman for the monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership.

The monitoring committee will discuss the situation and how best the Arab public, as a peace force, can demonstrate in the Israeli sector for the aim of achieving a just peace which will respect the rights of Palestinians," said Inbitawi, who is also spokesman for

Shfaram municipality.
The meeting is slated to discuss several proposals for measures to protest against the government's policies, including a mass rally in

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

JEROME SCHOTTENSTEIN SCHOOL TORAH HERITAGE will hold a memorial service for Jerome Schottenstein z"I, Mount Zion - 5 Adar II, Thursday night 5

Jerusalem, nationwide demonstrations and even calls for a general

strike of the Arab sector.

There are also calls for activities to be coordinated with Jewish peace activists and political parties, including Peace Now and left-wing groups.

The heads of the 53 Arab councils, as well as Arab MKs and leading public figures, are expected to attend the monitoring committee meeting, which will also discuss plans to mark Land Day at the end of this month.

Inbitawi said the decision to hold the meeting in Rahat was in solidarity with the problems facing Beduin families in the region, relating to land, housing shortages, poor infrastructure, unrecognized villages and other difficul-

Tarif takes ill after Zissman barb

Knesset Interior Committee Chairman Salah Tarif (Labor) was taken ill during a stormy meeting about Har Homa yesterday and needed tranquilizers after another MK questioned his loyalty to the state.

Tarif was taken to the Knesset's clinic after a vehement exchange with Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), who accused him of betraying Labor party principles and favoring the Palestinians more than Israel. Žissman implied that Tarif's loyalty to the state was in doubt.

The argument erupted about 90 minutes into the meeting. The two MKs began screaming at each other. Zissman told Tarif, "You don't

even represent the left-wing of the Labor Party. Move to Hadash [the Arab and Communist party]. Move to the Democratic Arab Party. You've forgotten you are Druse. Where's your national pride? You

prefer to believe the Palestinians than to believe a minister."

Tarif, drained of color, shouted back that he was in favor of peace, and then asked Micha Goldman (Labor) to replace him, because he felt unwell. He was treated with tranquilizers. Zissman and Tarif later made up.

The exchange overshadowed the appearance of newly appointed Jerusalem Police Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki before the committee. Yitzhaki said the Palestmian Authority is currently trying to keep things calm, but when the bulldozers start work on Har Homa unrest and disturbances are likely.

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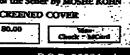
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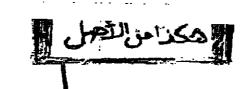
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Panel slams Matza over health crisis

The Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to intervene personally and immediately in the Treasury's negotiations with the Health Ministry over severe overcrowding in the hospitals and the looming deficit in the health system.

The Israel Medical Association (IMA). which at I a.m. Wednesday announced a 24-hour warning strike would begin six hours later, criticized Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and his director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash for failing to appear at the meeting. Instead, said the IMA, they

sent only "second- and third-rank offi-

Matza explained later that he was busy in his office working specifically on the hospital crisis. He also said that the doctors' sanctions, in which they treated only emergency cases, were wrong even though their demands were justified. A ministry spokesman added: "The minister is leading the negotiations face to face with Treasury officials, with the support of the premier. Let him do this without pressure from strikes and threats."

The Knesset committee, chaired by Gesher MK Maxim Levy, voiced its support for the doctors' sanctions and called on Matza to "immediately take upon himself responsibility for the struggle" for Treasury funds for the health system, "instead of disavowing responsibility for the collapse of the system.

Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yuri Stern noted that the number of hospital beds per capita here is the lowest in the Western world. At the same time, average hospital stays are the shortest and residents pay high health taxes.

Nurses Union head Ilana Cohen said that "once a new health minister learns the ropes, he is replaced."

Labor MK Yossi Katz said the Patients' Rights Law is being violated daily in the hospitals due to inadequate care and lack of privacy due to overcrowding.

Dr. Yitzhak Berlowitz, head of hospital-

ization services in the ministry, said the committee meeting was "superfluous" because intensive negotiations with the Treasury over allocations for extra beds and staff are going on. Dr. Ya'acov Hart, head of the Association of Hospital Directors. warned that by the end of this year, there would be a NIS 2 billion deficit in the health system. The whole system will collapse by this summer," he declared.

The committee members decided to visit a number of hospitals to see the situation for themselves. The IMA last week instructed its members to practice "safe and responsible medicine" and to discharge patients only when they're well enough, especially in internal-medicine departments.

Syrian held secretly for three years

A former Syrian soldier accused of espionage has been held in an Israeli prison - secretly and without trial - for the last three years, Channel 1 reported yesterday.

"Security officials, who are willing to deport him, have been unable to find a country willing to grant him asylum," it said, adding that IDF soldiers arrested Ali Fahmi, a sergeant in the Syrian artillery corps, three years ago after he crossed into Israeli-held territory near Mount Hermon.

The General Security Service accused him of entering Israel with the intent of spying, it said, adding that he told investiga-tors he decided to desert from the Syrian army after a "violent argument" with his commanding officer.

Israel Radio said Fahmi's imprisonment had been kept classified until the Supreme Court lifted the secrecy order yesterday.

Seven-year-old raped in Petah Tikya

A seven-year-old girl, who had been left home alone, was raped in her Petah Tikva home yesterday afternoon. A man rang the doorbell and she allowed him inside, where he preceded to steal jewelry and then raped the child. The incident was discovered several hours later when her parents returned home. Itim

Tamra man charged with rape
Gazi Hajazi, 39, of Tamra, was indicted yesterday in Haifa

District Court for the rape and attempted rape of two immigrant women living in an absorption center near Haifa. According to the charge sheet, the suspect, on the pretext of offering each of the women employment in his office, took them for rides in his car and attacked them. He is charged with raping one of the women in January and attempting to rape the second woman last month. The second victim managed to fight him off and call

Youth coach remanded for indecent acts

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded for five days the coach of a local youth basketball team for allegedly committing indecent acts against his players. The coach, who denies all charges, was arrested yesterday after six youths com-plained to police last week. Judge Yehezkel Barkaly denied a police request for a 10-day remand.

Two killed in truck-car collision

Driver A & Shahamiya, 48, and passenger Noam Hales, 47, both of Jatt, were killed yesterday, when a truck driven by a 25year-old man from Zemer swerved out of its lane and struck their car head-on. The truck driver and three car passengers were admitted to Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera with light to moderate injuries.

Judge criticized in youths' child abuse case

Women's and children's organizations, as well as MKs, yesterday criticized Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Nira Lidski's explanation for the light sentence she gave to two 14year-olds who committed indecent acts against a five-year-old girl. The teens' offense was just a bit of fondling, Lidski reportedly said at a WIZO event this week. When journalist Asheret Kutler, who was the discussion's moderator, then asked Lidski what she would do to the teens if the girl had been her daughter, she responded, "I would shoot them," according to Israel Radio.

Bar-On Affair questioning continues

eissglass, once considered a candidate for attorney-general, was summoned to give evidence by the police team investigating the Bar-On Affair. Weissglass was asked if he knew of any improprieties concerning the subsequent appointment of Rom Bar-On. While candidates for the position were being examined Weissglass met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and yesterday was reportedly asked by investigators

of the nature of that meeting.

Today Shas MK Aryeh Deri is expected to be summoned for questioning by police to determine still if there is any truth to allegations that Deri promised the government Shas's support on the Hebron redeployment in return for Bar-On's appointment, as broadcast by Channel 1. Deri's advisor, Yehuda Avidan, may also be called to give evidence this morning to discover if he was privy to information concerning the alleged deal.

Weizman: We must solve drug problem

By BATSHEVA TSUR

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There are close to 250,000 drug abusers in the country and some 20,000 of them are addicted to hard drugs, the head of the War on Drugs Authority, Shlomo Gal,

said yesterday.
"Israeli society is becoming so permissive that drug use is no longer scorned," Gal told a gathering of mayors who met with the president to discuss ways of fighting drug abuse.

President Ezer Weizman, who hosted the meeting at Beit Hanassi, told the mayors and local council heads that it is not enough to ask questions. "We have to come up with practical solutions," he said.

The president and his wife, Reuma, have met with many experts and former drug abusers and Reuma Weizman is to visit the US next month to raise funds to combat the scourge.

Some three and a half tons of heroin are smuggled into Israel every year and some 25 tons of hashish and marijuana, Gal said. This is no longer the innocuous hashish of former years, because it has been 'enriched,' " he said.

In the streets of Or Yehuda, youths smoke hashish openly. This is a national battle that we have to wage," the town's mayor, Shlomo Edri, said.

Shmuel Richman, head of the Negev local councils, said "hundreds of kilos" of drugs are smuggled in nightly across the border

In Tel Aviv, where NIS 12 million are devoted to combatting drugs, there has been an improvement but double that sum is needed, Mayor Ronni Milo told

the gathering. A solution was proposed by Prof. Avi Degani, who has researched the subject. "We have to market the campaign against drugs, just like the Americans did with smoking," he said. They have succeeded in virtually stopping smoking. We have to turn drug usage into an anti-norm."



Youngsters wearing gas masks participate in a civil defense exercise at Jerusalem's Sieff School yesterday, part of nationwide exercises to test the schools' readiness. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer were on hand

MKs begin debate on cloning Committee disagrees on how to outlaw human clones

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Knesset Science & Technology Committee yesterday heard the deep moral and ethical concerns of doctors, scientists, ethicists and rabbis over the scientific breakthrough in Scotland that

recently produced a cloned sheep. Nearly all the committee's MKs agreed cloning humans should be forbidden, but they disagreed on how to go about it in a way that would include "outlaw" states and would not put too many limitations on academic freedom.

Hebrew University geneticist Prof. Adam Friedmann said he

thought it would be difficult or In any case, he said, even a but it should not tie their hands, as in the foreseeable future, but Science Ministry director-general Zvi Yannai said the process used to produce the sheep would inevitably be improved and speeded up, making human cloning a

definite possibility. Tel Aviv University ethicist Prof. Assa Kasher minimized the fears that human cloning would de-personalize society or lead to armies cloned in a dictator's image. "This may shock you, but I don't see anything wrong with allowing parents to produce a clone of a child who died."

would have his own values, ideology and desires due to different environmental influences.

Labor MK Haggai Merom, who has proposed a bill to prohibit human cloning, said supervision of scientific experiments was

Rabbi Yigal Shafran, head of the medical division in the Chief Rabbinate, said scientists must not be so arrogant that they think they | their work and were impelled by are God. Legislation is needed to the desire to advance the fight supervise their work in genetics, against disease.

cure diseases, he said.

The Knesset should wait until President Bill Clinton's National Bioethics Committee issues its recommendations on cloning before taking any stand, suggested Prof. Haim Aviv of the National needed, just as nuclear energy Council for Research and research and development are Development. "We're not ripe for legislation in this field yet. It's too. early." Aviv added that scientists were trained to be sensitive to the ethical and social implications of

Court refuses to nullify bought evidence

By RAINE MARCUS

Tel Aviv District Court Judge Sara Sirotta rejected a petition yesterday to nullify testimony bought from a private investigator in the media-wiretapping case. Private investigator in the inequa-whetapping case. Private investigator Ze'ev Laufer, who is charged with 18 counts of wiretapping in the affair, was paid \$600,000 by Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nintrodi to give police evidence implicating Yediot Aharonot publisher Amon Mozes and the daily's security officer, Haim Rozenberg, for commissioning wiretapping. The money was paid from Ma'ariv and Nimrodi's

Hachsharat Hayishuv capital. Security company owner and Ma'ariv shareholder David Spector, who is a security advisor to Ha' aretz, petitioned the Tel Aviv District Court as to the legality of the deal with Laufer.

Sirotta ruled that although she initially felt disgust at the agreement between Ma'ariv and Laufer, after

close inspection, she could not find anything illegal in it, especially since police had previously negotiated with Laufer to explore the possibility of his turning state's witness against Yediot.

The transaction was conducted with the state attorney's full authorization and was made to expose the truth, Sirotta ruled.

Therefore, she continued, the question of "buying witnesses" by a private party was not applicable. Furthermore, the public interest was greater than Ma'ariv's interest to expose its rivals, she said. Although the agreement with Laufer may not be moral and is problematic, it does not constitute a precedent

for "new norms in the country," Strotta said.

She also accused Spector of not having "clean hands" when he perinoned the court, since he is a friend of Rozenberg's and filed the petition just after the latter unsuccessfully appealed to the High Court of Justice against his impending indictment.

CABINET Continued from Page 1

'The Middle East can be like the Benelux countries including Israel, Jordan, Palestine, and Lebanon," Arafat told them.

Leshin said that relations were established with the Gaza Chamber of Commerce. "They wanted to open an office in Tel Aviv and we offered them room in the Israel Chamber of Commerce."

What bothers the merchants most is the continuing closure. Despite some easing of the restrictions, most businessmen still cannot travel out of Gaza. "Flowers meant for export are fed to the goats," Leshin heard.

PA negotiator Saeb Erekat said the crisis blew up because, in Sunday's meeting with Levy, the Israelis refused even to hear the Palestinian arguments in defense of their interpretation of the Oslo 2 agreements. We urged them to send an Israeli legal team to meet a Palestinian legal team to work out the provisions relating to permanent status and further redeployment. They refused." Meanwhile the UN General

Assembly, void of supporters of Israel debated the crisis yesterday. (Story, Page 2) Levy told the Knesset plenum

yesterday the PA is allowing groups like Hamas, which until recently it considered to be dangerous opponents, to join PA meetings. Answering several motions to the agenda on the planned first further redeployment, Levy said there are signs the PA is beginning to foment unrest, which could be particularly damaging since Hamas is involved. He described the situation as "a dangerous development."

Levy said the government's decision to build on Har Homa is still valid and stressed that neither this nor the previous government had promised to refrain from building in Jerusalem.

Levy also said the government is

determined to build housing for the Arab sector as well.

He warned that violence or international pressure could stall the peace process. "We won't abandon our interests because of pressure," he said.

Levy strongly condemned Arafat's planned meeting in Gaza, saying it violates the promise Arafat made to Rabin to solve all problems directly and without international intervention.

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) attacked the prime minister, saying the continued negotiations with the Palestinians violate the government's basic guidelines, which demand reciprocity as a condition for discussions on the permanent arrange-

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid promised that, should Netanyahu suspend the decision on the Har Homa project, Meretz would withdraw its no-confidence motion and give him parliamentary support on

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Former 'Jerusalem Post' dance critic Dora Sowden with dancers from the modern ballet workshop of the Rubin Academy High School following the presentation of a JNF certificate for 18 trees planted in her honor. The Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, the Jerusalem Municipality and the Post' yesterday honored the internationally recognized critic for her unique contribution to local dance life. Sowden recently retired after more than 50 years of writing about dance, 30 of them for the 'Post.'

(Text Helen Kaye, Photo: Brian Hendler)

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese watching the evening news yesterday saw dramatic film footage of an accident at a nuclear plant that made it seem like a scene right out

The fires at the nuclear processing plant in northeastern Japan exposed 35 workers to minimal amounts of radiation, a plant spokesman said yesterday.

No one was injured in the fires, which broke out in the same area 10 hours apart, and officials said radioactivity levels remained well within safe limits around the

Dressed in what looked like bloated space suits and helmets, and breathing loudly through respirators, investigators walked past laboratory equipment wrenched

Dozens of alarm bells were still ringing and banks of red lights were flashing as the men tentatively poked through scraps of twisted metal in a building that houses nuclear waste handling facilities.

"Let's keep out of there," said one as they looked into a secondfloor room in which drums full of radioactive material mixed protectively with asphalt are stored. They peered inside to see the floor and ceiling coverings torn apart. and equipment strewn around.

On the first floor, near the asphalt-handling room where the fires broke out, water was splattering down from near the ceiling. The room in which the fire broke out was not shown on the video. The accident - which exposed

more workers to radioactivity than

immediately increased the criticism faced by the nation's nuclear

The blazes and explosion occurred on the first floor of a four-story building in Tokaimura, a million-square-meter complex with a nuclear fuel reproces plant and laboratories, 115 km northeast of Tokyo. The compound contains no nuclear reactor.

Damage from the blast was clear in the video. It was edited in several places, and there was no definite indication of where the blast

Japan already was trying to rebuild trust in its nuclear program, set back by an accident in December 1995 in a prototype fast-breeder reactor, which produces additional plutonium for fuel while generating electricity.



An Albanian rebel peers into a car carrying reporters at a roadblock in Delvine yesterday. Delvine is under rebel control. (Remer)

Albanian PM wants talks with rebels

TIRANA (Reuter) - Albania's new prime minister, Bashkim Fino, facing a growing wave of unrest, said yesterday he wanted talks with armed rebels holding towns throughout southern Albania.

As rebellion moved closer to the capital, Fino met political parties to discuss forming an interim government to oversee new elections.

His comments followed appeals from Italy and Greece to meet the rebels and an announcement that a European mediation mission led by former Austrian leader Franz-Vranitzky was to return to Tirana today.

"I think this is not a time to issue orders on either side. It is a time for talks and dialogue," Fino told state television.

"Not only my personal (links) but those of my government should be based on good understanding and cooperation with them so that they listen to our options and we listen to theirs." In some parts of the south the rebellion appeared to have deteriorated into lawthrough rebel-held towns.

Pilot reopens TWA missile theory

helicopter pilot who witnessed the explosion of TWA Flight 800 repeatedly told investigators he thought a missile struck the plane, according

The Air National Guard pilot has not been allowed to speak publicly because of an FBI ban on federal employees speaking about the investigation. The pilot, Capt. Chris Baur, is a civilian pilot for US Customs.

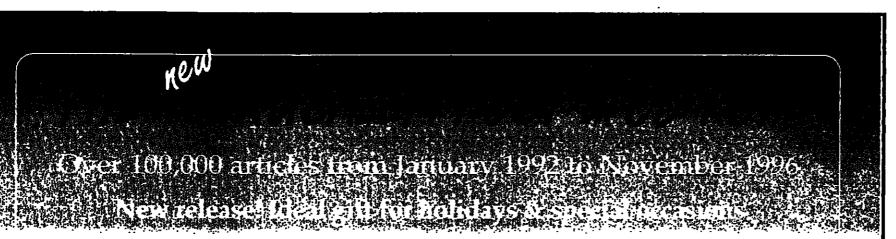
Banr's eyewitness report comes to light as critics of the investigation claim to have evidence suggesting that Flight 800 was shot down by an errant US Navy missile. A Pentagon spokesman said investigators had thoroughly probed the issue, even inventorying the Navy's missile

"Personnel have been interviewed, records have been checked. There is absolutely no evidence to support

"There was not evidence two months ago, there is not evidence now." A number of eyewitness accounts

said people saw something in the sky the night of the crash. Baur's clear view from the helicopter and his military training would make his account one of the most credible.

Mechanical failure or a bomb also haven't been ruled out as possible



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Russia's reformers return, anger opponents Yeltsin's communist and national-

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said yesterday he was forming a new government of liberal reformers in a reshuffle the Communist opposition branded "ruinous" for Russia and vowed to fight. President Boris Yeltsin, firmly

back at the helm after many months of illness, has given the premier one week to reorganize his cabinet. Only Chernomyrdin and new First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais are assured of keeping their jobs.

"Professional market economists, firm supporters of the president's course of reforms, will come into the government," Itar-Tass news agency quoted Chemomyrdin as saying.

The prospect of more free market moves under Chubais, once Russia's privatization supremo. was enough to drive Moscow's communist-dominated parliament to vote for a furious, though nonbinding, motion condemning the

As yet, however, Chernomyrdin has named no names but said new ministers will be under 50 with administrative experience.

"Now there are all possibilities of forming a united and effective team of serious and responsible profes-sionals." Chernomyrdin said, adding personnel changes could be announced sooner than the sevenday deadline set by Yeltsin.

The State Duma lower house of dominated

ist opponents, approved by 230 votes to 122 a toughly worded resolution condemning the moves.

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"The changes carried out in the government again illustrate the desire of the current authorities to continue the ruinous social-economic course which has brought Russia to the brink of catastrophe," said the resolution. It carries no legal force. "They are an eloquent testimony

to the readiness of the leadership to subject Russia and her vital interests to the diktar of the International Monetary Fund and foreign capital," said the resolu-tion, drafted by the Communist faction.

Opposition deputies have been particularly enraged by Yeltsin's decision to draft Chubais, a 41vear-old liberal, back into the government to oversee economic reforms. The resolution called hisappointment a "direct challenge to social opinion."

The Duma has limited powers under a 1993 constitution, drawn up after Yeltsin subdued its Soviet-era predecessor with tanks. Since Chernomyrdin stays put in

the reshuffle, the Duma will have no right of review over the new cabinet appointments. But more seriously, the commu-

nists have threatened a general noconfidence motion which, if voted through twice, would force Yelisin to either dismiss the government or dissolve the Duma.



Zulu demonstrators gather yesterday in Johannesburg.

Three killed as Zulus march

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) -Three people were killed and at least four wounded yesterday as Zulu nationalists marched to commemorate the slaying of more than 50 people in a 1994 protest ahead of South Africa's first all-race election

Police said the first two killings occurred in Soweto black town-ship before the rally, while the third was reported soon after the protesters had arrived in

Johannesburg's city center.
Reports that violent clashes had erupted between police and

demonstrators afterwards denied by police on the scene.

We confirm three deaths. Two people were killed in Soweto township and one at the station in town," said police Sergean Mark

The march was held to commemorate the deaths of at least 55 peoin and around Johannesburg during the 1994 demonstration when sup-porters of the mainly Zirki-based Inkatha Freedom Party marched in support of Zulu King Goodwill

World's premiere cheapskate has had enough

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She is retiring from the business to be a stay-at-home mom in her farmhouse in Maine. From here on, she'll be rinsing our her zip-top plastic bags in private.

Dacyczyn, who rose to national prominence in the recession of the carly 1990s, penned her final newsletter in December She has just released her last penny-pinching book. Spenditurifis won't be privy to her secrets of saving, whether it's recycling coffee grounds or replacing missing potlid handles with wine corks.

One of the most frugal families in America — Amy, her husband, lim, and their six kids ages five through 13 — will cinch in their secondhand belts yet again. She says she finds "fun" in the challenge of cutting back. Her ultimate goal, she says, always has been to spend more time at home with the

"We're hoping to take this up another notch in terms of saving, says Dacyczyn, who zipped into Washington for a farewell tour recently in a previously owned \$1.50 dark-green suit.

She's retiring now because she feels she has covered just about every aspect of the frugal lifestyle during her six years of publishing. Dacyczyn wants the ultimate luxury: no job.

"It's about freedom and less dependency on the professional world to get through life," she says. Of course, after the media spotlight departed, her subscriptions did drop off to 30,000 from a onetime high of 100,000.

Are Americans still frugal? She are thought by some to be extreme, and there's no way to measure, "But we see this as an opportunity says there's no way to measure, unless it's by analyzing the use of to suffer more." cloth diapers or canning jars.

BEING CHEAP has paid off for her. Dacyczyn is reming as a million-dollar mom.

Dacyczyn, 41, already has sold 475,000 copies of her first two books. Now the third one, The Tightwad Gazette III, extends her

year will be about \$30,000. mantra by providing hints on how Dacyczyn considers herself part of Her impressive net worth comes to save partially burned charcoal a "middle-income family." not so much from shopping at yard (spray with water after use) and

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from The Topinstal Gardene. VCRs or telepisson sets abandoned III, the book being billed as at repair shops by former owners. the final edition of her cheapsteir wisdom, Amy Decreys and her readers leave us with these time.
Limit showers to two manners.

Lightly sand the edges of worn windshield wipers with worm windshield seipers with sandpaper to make them last.
Rather than throwing away a scheded monaig board cover, use the unsecticled parts to make oven mits and pothoiders.
Ban long distance phone calls.
Search for previously owned.

Generally, the book claims, they can be purchased for the cost of the

repains

Fasten as old chain belt to a

wall with cip books to create a

naper lowel dispenser. If your idea of being thirty is shopping in bulk at warehouse

stores scretinize your cart. The trend toward wholesale clubs doesn't mean [people] are becom-ing thatfiler, they're just buying more junk food in bulk " (The Washington Post)

sales or cutting her family's hair at how to spend less on septic-tank home but from her savvy peddling pumping (dig it up yourself). of her gospel of thrift in newsletter It is this latest work that brought and book form to an overspending her to Washington, and we treated public grasping for help. her to a bowl of soup (cabbage, \$4) She received thousands of letters;

some communities even started "tightwad clubs" to share ideas on At her rural \$125,000 farmhouse using less and saving more. Her in Leeds, Maine, Dacyczyn says method of washing out and reusing she has continued to practice what plastic food-storage bags may be she preaches while cashing in on her most enduring tip to a wasteful her novel outlook.

in a downtown hotel for a brief

Dacyczyn had a six-figure "People think, 'Oh now, she income for six years, allowing the won't have to suffer anymore," Dacyczyns to save thousands, they says Dacyczyn, whose thoughts on say, including setting up funds for thrift as a viable alternative lifestyle educating their kids. Their five-bed-

room, Victorian home is paid for, Jim Dacyczyn, 47, draws a \$14,000 annual military pension he retired after 21 years of service. With that and investment income the family's annual income this

ALTHOUGH SHE has signed off from preaching tightwaddery monthly to her subscribers, she's not retiring from baking bread from scratch - with dough not kneaded in a bread machine - or from molding kids' Halloween masks out of dryer

Being a stay-at-home mom will be more than a full-time job, especially with her stringent standards. After all, she spends a total of \$50 a year on clothing, and her food bill for a family of eight is \$196 a month. She doesn't own a dish-

She says she is looking forward to the challenge of running a house and getting into the rhythm of it. "I like to ensure there is no food waste. I love planning what goes in the lunch boxes and having children's clothes mended and in tiptop condition.

Timing is everything. Dacyczyn lived a fairly spendthrift life until she got married in 1982 and realized that her dreams of a large family, a rambling country house and no day care would require drastic lifestyle choices.

In the bloated 1980s, when many baby boomers were out conspicuously consuming, she mixed powdered milk and scoured tag sales. When the downturn came in 1990, she came up with her idea to challenge the wanton habits of overconsuming, dual-income families, many with heavy credit-card debt

does is expensive in terms of money and time. Martha Stewart expends a lot of energy on single events, like wood-graining wrap-

ping paper.

"With the exception of my kids, I a few thousand dollars. Then after appearing on the cover of Parade don't get fussy about the preparation of anything. Life is short. I'll magazine and as a guest on the Phil save last year's wrapping paper." Donahue Show, subscriptions

She will spend money on big cars Now that she plans to spend more time at home, might she turn to Chevy Suburbans - to hold her large family, on dental care and some of the domestic ideas of braces or on an occasional piece of Martha Stewart, one of today's barometers of good housekeeping? antique furniture.

Restaurants are not part of the "The difference between me and picture. "This soup is good," she comments. "Not that it's different Martha Stewart is that what she

from good leftover soup at home. This is about 10 cents worth of

TIGHTWAD

GAZETTE

She plans an annual family-oriented newsletter for readers who want to keep up with her world. She will charge \$1 for it.

"Jim and I are creative and resourceful people. We have a world of frugal adventures."

Her legacy may be measured in small things. For those who squirt once instead of twice with dishwashing liquid or who cut an inch toothpaste in half, Amy Dacyczyn has made her mark and

saved them some spare change. (The Washington Post)

FLAIR

Putting your best foot forward

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

ootwear sales will undoubtedly soar this summer, because at long last we have something radically different, if not exactly new to those of us who were around during the flowerchild and punk eras.

The drab, boringly neutral colors which have characterized the accessory scene for most of the bow of irresistible options which will make coordinated dressing much more fun.

Citrus hues dominate the spring/summer fashion palette, and many of us are going to be walking around in tangerine, lemon and time dresses or separates and teaming them with matching or contrasting accessories.

Knee-high boots in vibrant shades of turquoise, petrol blue, tomato, orange, mustard and fuch-sia pink will be an integral part of mix-and-match dressing, resulting in spectacularly dramatic effects when wom with black cat suits or black minis and black tights.

They also look good with white or beige and slightly funky with one or several other bright colors but not nearly as eye-catching as they do with black or chocolate

Because summer styling in



This summer's trend: Knee-high boots, these by Lafayette. (102k Biran)

clothes is almost starkly simple, the bright boots will give a lift to any darkly hued outfit. If boots are not your thing, don't

worry, shoes and sandals will be equally colorful. Though flatheeled varieties are available, the general trend is back to very high heels, with classic stilettos competing with equally high, somewhat chunkier heels which give are almost but not quite history.

some women a greater sense of stability. No less welcome than the bril-

liant footwear will be the matching bags and purses, which at last are coming in sizes that can accommodate a lot more than credit cards, lipstick, fragrance vial and tissues. Those tiny purses that looked so cute, but carried almost nothing,

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NII requirements for hired help protect both employer, worker

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bing herself FZ (the Frugal Zealot)

in June 1990 with an investment of

and profligate spending habits.

poured in.

By RUTHIE BLUM

n acquaintance recently called to ask about National Insurance (NII) payments for a new cleaning woman she'd hired, who did not want to provide them with an ID number.

Employers of household help (cleaning staff, gardeners, mothers' helpers, caretakto pay National Insurance for each such

Technically, the employer of household help is supposed to report and register a household employee at the NII office in his area within two weeks of having hired the employee.

This applies to anyone employing a worker for more than six days - even if the work performed was not continuous during this period.

After doing so, he will be given a file and number which will remain in his name for future reference.

Payment for the employee's insurance is made twice a year once on July 10 (to cover the months of January through June), and once on January 10 (to cover the months of July through December).

When each of these dates approaches, the NII will send employers both a form and standard bill, which can be paid at any

As soon as any home employee stops working, the employer is required to inform the NII office in which his file is being han-

Each replacement, or additional worker, must be reported and registered as described earlier.

And here is where we get to the question I was originally asked to settle: whether it is possible to pay the insurance for an employee without providing the NII with a specific

In other words, am I allowed to pay the NII for an anonymous "cleaning woman," and thus be covered in the event that she has an accident in my house and sues the NII for

Technically, the answer is a flat "no." The purpose of paying this insurance is not only to protect an employer from having to dole out lots of money in the event that he's sued, but to protect the rights of the employee, by ensuring that he receive the full extent of benefits guaranteed him by

In practice, however, the business is a bit more flexible than the legal mumbo-jumbo and pampblet fine print would have us

The NII department dealing with collecting fees from employers is aware of the fact that most household employees keep their ID numbers a secret - due to a desire to keep all of their earnings out of any official

This practice is especially true of women whose husbands receive income-tax Jerusalem.

deductibles based on the (false) claim that their wives are unemployed. This is also true of people collecting unemployment insur-

As a result, the NII will accept payment

from an employer, as long as he can provide at least the name of the household employee in question. The NII does not recommend rifling

ID numbers deceitfully.

Instead, employers should theoretically be able to convince employees to submit willingly - to protect their own rights - or not hire anyone refusing to "insist" on his

And though there is no certainly guarantee that the Income Tax Authority will not "catch on" to some of these illegal tricks by getting hold of NII records, so far it hasn't been done.

For further information, contact the NII in your area.

The organization's head office is located in Jerusalem at 13 Sderot Weizmann, Tel.:

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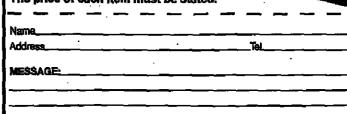
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Sharing the burden

I ing Hussein's pained and painful letter placing any burden of restraint and responsibilto Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu must be taken seriously. There can be no questioning the king's sincere desire for the success of the peace process, and even his desire to deepen the warm peace with Israel. The king himself, however, also bears responsibility not to return to the rejectionist stance he held during the Gulf war, and not to ape Egypt's spoiler

Hussein makes numerous charges, large and small, concerning "accumulating tragic actions" that are "fast sliding [Arabs and Israelis] towards an abyss of bloodshed and disaster." The king continues, "Your course of actions seem bent on destroying all I believe in or have striven to achieve with the Hashemite family since Faisal the First and Abdullah to the present times." Harsh words. In a letter of response, Netanyahu not only denies that he is destroying the peace process, but claims that it is he who has saved it from oblivion. "I inherited a process that was failing," writes the prime minister. "The country was suffering its worst terrorist wave in its history, with bus bombs going off in the heart of Israeli cities and a devastating mini-war taking a heavy toll in Lebanon. By election time, the peace process was in its death throes."

Netanyahu's letter continues, "Rather than let the Oslo process die after the elections, I sought to revive it. I have taken decisions that even my predecessors were extremely reluctant to

It is certainly ironic to hear Netanyahu proudly claim credit for saving an agreement that he continues to attack. Even if one discounts the claim of saving Oslo from non-believers such as Shimon Peres, it is true that Oslo under Netanyahu has received a substantial shot in the arm. Under Netanyahu, the withdrawal from most of Hebron, and indirectly, the Oslo Accord itself received an unprecedented 87-vote majority in the Knesset.

Before Hebron, the charge that Netanyahu was destroying the peace process, though unfair, was in the realm of credibility - he had not shown whether he would abide by Oslo or seek to extract Israel from the agreement. Now that Netanyahu has gone to considerable lengths to fulfill Oslo, he is being accused, in effect, of not doing so with enough enthusiasm and generosity.

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In this context, it is hardly fair for Hussein to "bury[ing] the peace process for all times." Is there no room to credit Netanyahu with sharing the king's fundamental desire for, as Hussein poetically describes it, "the final reconciliation of all the descendants of the children of Abraham?" The king's letter refrains not only from giving Netanyahu any credit, but from

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Secondly, the law enables proper

organizations and institutions to

set up a foundation which will be

legally authorized to take care of

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may become partners in the foun-

dation provided it is deemed

It is also untrue that the legisla-

tion takes into account only nine

cities in Poland where contempo-

rary Jewish religious communities

have been established. Activities

of the foundation will cover the

whole territory of Poland, with

the hope that it will support active

people willing to contribute to the

communities of Bialystok, Lublin

etc., which the author mentions as

"no man's land," in regards to the

However, implementation of the

law depends on both sides. On

understanding the essence of

friendly Polish-Jewish relations,

of using the language of coopera-

tion and dialogue which has been

the aim of the Polish legislators

but regrettably not of the author of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ity on the Palestinians.

With respect to Israel's decision to build a Jewish neighborhood on Har Homa in Jerusalem, Hussein accuses Netanyahu of "maneuver[ing] our Palestinian brethren into inevitable violent resistance." In fact, violence is only inevitable if key leaders such as King Hussein do not reject violence as a legitimate component of the peace process. If the king sees the threat of Palestinian violence as such a dire threat to the peace process, why does he not call for Palestinian restraint? As a leader who has taken his share of courageous risks for peace, Hussein has the right to request that Netanyahu resist pressures against him that are contrary to a broader view of Israel's interests. By the same token, Hussein should not simply adopt every Palestinian demand as his own, and refuse to stand up to Palestinian threats of violence that, by his own lights, severely threaten the peace

It would be very worrisome if Hussein's letter to Netanyabu reflected a return to the period of the Gulf war, when he took the side of Iraq against the US-led coalition that saved Kuwait. At that time, we were expected to understand the domestic pressures he was under, yet Hussein dismisses the pressures on Netanyahu to build in Jerusalem. It is one thing to ask Netanyahu not to build new settlements in remote corners of Judea and Samaria; quite another to suggest that Israel not act as sovereign in its own capital.

When asked Tuesday about his letter to Netanyahu, while Israeli papers were full of incorrect and scathing leaks from the supposed text, Hussein pointed his finger at the camera and asked the public to remember that he feels a "duty to the Israeli public as well." This is a truly admirable sentiment, and one that no other current Arab leader would express.

It is also encouraging that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was greeted warmly this week in Jordan, and that relations between the two militaries seem unaffected by the current ebb in relations at the top. At the end of the day, however, it is not possible for Jordan to maintain a close relationship with Israel and Israelis while unfairly demonizing Israel's prime minister.

It is appropriate for Netanyahu to work harder in treating Hussein as a partner and a friend in the peace process. There are gestures hu could have made recently to Hussein, such as allowing him to fly Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat from Amman to Gaza. But the king cannot expect all his advice to be taken, and should not place the peace process's entire burden of compromising. taking risks, and resisting public pressure on Israel's doorstep.



Smile for the cameras!

URI DAN

DENNIS EISENBERG

Netanyahu with his name misspelt

to read "he stinks" in Arabic. And

an Al-Akhbar cartoon showed a

car with Netanyahu's name on the

number plate facing a large traffic

sign declaring: "Entry forbidden

To add insult to injury, during

the two hours the two leaders sat

together with only their translators

present, Mubarak behaved like an

arrogant interrogator, cross-exam-

ining Netanyahu by means of a

prepared questionnaire he held in

Netanyahu acquitted himself

Our president looks bewildered

well, we were told, spinning his vision of peace in the Middle East.

by Netanyahu's oratory," com-

mented an English-speaking

Egyptian journalist at the press

conference that followed. "So are

Israelis," quipped a nearby voice,

Hosni Mubarak

doesn't need a

public relations

firm to polish

his image. He's got

Israel's premier

More disturbing was the next

remark from the Egyptian: "We

already knew all about you being forced to pull out of 10 percent of

the West Bank. The Americans

Suddenly it was all crystal-clear.

The whole first-stage West Bank

withdrawal was American-crafted

Netanyahu's visit to Cairo was

also planned by the US, to ensure

that the State Department could

then roll out the red carpet for

choreographed. And

to Cairo.'

his hand.

in Hebrew.

told us."

Mubarak.

inyamin Netanyahu is a victim of the travel bug. He likes nothing better than to lay aside coalition woes and the Bar-On scandal, and forget sinking popularity polls and his mother's criticism by taking off for Washington, Amman,

No sooner was he back from the US than he accepted a surprise invitation from Cairo to a party on the Nile. There, as in other capitals, he smiled happily at his host, President Mubarak

Why was the prime minister in such a hurry to grab his toothbrush and rush off to Egypt last week? Did he or his aides have even fleeting second thoughts about accepting Mubarak's hospitality?

For months our government has been assailing Mubarak for his vicious verbal bombardment of Netanyahu and Israel. And with good reason.

Egypt obstructed the Hebron withdrawal negotiations, egging Yasser Arafat on to take a more and more extremist line - so much so that Washington was finally forced to tell Mubarak: "Cool it, or else."

To complaints by the House Committee about strident antisemitism in the Egyptian media, Mubarak's foreign minister replied disingenuously in the US: "All Arabs are Semites. How can we be antisemites?"

At the same time, a skillful public relations exercise was under way back in Cairo, with the kind cooperation of Binyamin Netanyahu.

Clearly, the front-page press photos and TV focus on the Egyptian and Israeli leaders shaking hands and looking frankly into each other's eyes was aimed at deflecting any criticism that might be aimed at Egypt during Mubarak's US visit.

How could Netanyahu walk into this trap? Didn't he see that an exag-gerated display of friendship with Mubarak would discourage the Anti-Defamation League in New York and others, Jews and non-Jews, in their protest against the vicious Egyptian antisemitic onslaught? Little wonder a New York columnist recently described Israelis as "the dumbest Jews in the world."

An Israeli Foreign Ministry official shook his head in disbelief over Netanyahu's haste in going off to Cairo. He asked a writer of this column: "What was the purpose of the trip - other than to help Mubarak ward off justifiable criticism in the US?

"Isn't it clear that Egypt has been playing the same game for 19 years? It's all politeness and smiles in Cairo - then the moment your back is turned, they damn you with their curses."

Truly none are so blind as those who will not see.

HOURS before Netanyahu's arrival, Al-Wafd ran a cartoon of the pyramids.

Finally, an angry Shimon Shiffer from Yediot Aharanot got up and asked: "Why all these hostile questions to our prime minister? Why the ceaseless attacks against

luxurious Dahara Palace. To end the day, Netanyahu had the dubious pleasure of being introduced to a group of Egyptian so-called intellectuals. The questions aimed at him

came from the gutter. Why do you have a racist, Hitler-like policy toward the Palestinians and Arabs in the Middle East? Why do you treat Arabs like blacks are treated in the US's southern states?

And from a retired general: "I can see, Mr. Netanyahu, that you have learned nothing from all the wars I fought against Israel." Netanyahu responded sharply, great as usual in debate.

Perhaps the Egyptians should have told the departing Israeli leader to "have a nice day." After all, Netanyahu had given Mubarak a priceless PR gift, which the Egyptian would use well in the US.

Criticism of Mubarak's recep-The writers are authors of The tion would thus be muted, by pictures of all that "coziness" with the Israeli leader in the shadow of

The press conference in Egypt revealed the true depth of Egyptian antagonism to Israel. Asked an Egyptian woman journalist: "Are you about to bomb somebody in the region, like Begin did when he illegally attacked the Iraqis' nuclear plant?" And another voice: "Why do you treat Palestinians like the Americans treat blacks in their south?" Further hostile questions to Netanyahu followed.

Israel in the Egyptian press?"
Laconically, Mubarak respond-

ed: "We have a free press here. And what about The Jerusalem Post, which is attacking both me and Egypt all the time? Mubarak's comment was broad-

cast by international TV as a statement of fact. No one pointed out the obvious: that there is no such thing as a free press in Egypt. Nothing can appear without govemment approval or diktat. The last salvo was fired at the

Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

POSTSCRIPTS

ONE OF THE world's tiniest countries may become even tinier. Nevis – a Caribbean isle known for beaches favored by young British royals - wants to secede from a federation with the slightly

St. Kitts-Nevis is already listed as the world's least populous country, with only 41,800 residents. Nevis alone has just 9,000. Ever since the country became independent from Britain in 1983,

Amory

announced the secession bid, and Federal Prime Minister Denzil Douglas said he didn't object. "If secession is the choice of Nevis, then so be it, and my gov-

ernment will not stand in the way." Douglas said. But the islands' neighbors aren't pleased.

The fragmentation of the Caribbean people, already marneighboring Antigua Barbuda.

ginalized in the international community, weakens every Caribbean country and the entire region," said Prime Minister Lester Bird of

There is also Rochin from Rachel, Yantin from Yenta. Feigin from Feiga, and Blumen from Bluma. Havlin comes from

such as Malkov from Malka, Perlov from Perl, and Chamov from Charna.

The list of Jewish matronymics is vast, but far less known than

maiden names thus seems a spurious one. There are many other genuine issues of real inequality to which they would be doing far

cent of men give the other 10 percent a bad name. Perhaps they don't realize that office a few Jewish men are passing on good Jewish women's names to their wives and children, and to future generations.

The writer, a religious educator, is a member of Kibbutz

Sir, - One should never underes-Sir, - Readers of J. Bushinsky's article "Insult and injury" (March timate the potency of symbols. 5) on restitution of Jewish com-Yasser Arafat understands this perfectly. Whenever he appears in munal property in Poland may get the impression that Poland does public, his keffeyeh is carefully draped into a shape representing not intend to proceed with restitution in an open and honest way. the whole of western Palestine. which is a serious misunderstand-The significance of this may be ing. Had the author doublelost on some, but it is fully comchecked information on the subprehended by his followers. ject he would have probably restrained himself from rather irre-

A related symbol is the charter of the PLO, most of which is sponsible comments which are devoted to the desire to eliminate both unjust and miss the point. Israel. The fact remains that this It is not true that "the legislasymbol, central to the raison d'etre of the PLO, still exists intact. Any tion would compensate only a successor to Arafat could claim. minuscule remnant of Polish Jewry ...in only nine Polish with justification, that its aim has cities." Firstly, it is not a law still to be accomplished. dealing with compensation but

Until we have the "reciprocity" of the cleansing in the charter of all references to the destruction of Israel, further negotiations with the Palestinians should be post-**OSCAR DAVIES**

POTENCY OF SYMBOLS

EASY CONVERSIONS

Sir, - The inference in the edito-"Strength in numbers" (February 28) that easier conversion, particularly for immigrants from the former Soviet Union and the Ethiopian Falash Mura, would significantly affect the Jewish people's demographic decline relative to the burgeoning general world population is a numerical fantasy. There are people who would convert if the process was standardized and easier, but their numbers would not begin to approach the billions of Christians, Moslems, Hindus and

Buddhists. The enormous Jewish impact on history and culture has resulted not from quantitative factors, but from qualitative factors. For example, Judaism's central role in the emergence of Christianity and Islam and the relationship of a tiny Jewish minority to these two massive surrounding societies.

ROBERT KIRK Upper Nazareth.

LEBANAM

Sir, - How many casualties in the security zone will it take before we learn what France and the United States so painfully learned? The battle against a guerrilla or terrorist force which has the support of the local population is a hopeless effort. But Lebanon need not become

for us Lebanam, as in Vietnam. The local populace can be made to learn that it is more painful for them to harbor and assist the enemy than it is to resist their presence. That can be accomplished without our soldiers being on the ground there if each enemy excursion across our border is met with a massive destruction by artillery of the area from which they attack plus damage to the utilities serving the public, such as power stations and water supply.

Soon enough the message will get through to the civilians and to the government that it is in their interest to stop the terror.

GERALD SCHROEDER Jerusalem.

INEPT AND NAIVE

Sir, - Whatever the outcome of the Bar-On affair, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has shown himself not to be the one to lead Even if we assume that he is

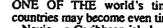
innocent of any deliberate wrongdoing in the issue, we are left with one or both of the following conclusions: He is extremely superficial, slip-

shod and dilettante. Witness his haste to rush Bar-On's appointment through his government, whereas the vital appointment of our UN ambassador is still pend-

ing.

He is totally inept and shockingly naive to have been forced by others to push for the Bar-On appointment under the circum-

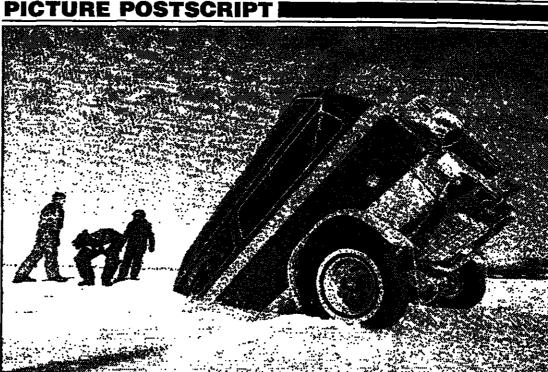
L.M. SHORR Jerusalem.



larger island of St. Kitts.

Nevisians have grumbled about alleged domination by St.

Premier



"Don't worry, guys; the ice is plenty thick." Well, it wasn't, and this minivan crashed through, forcing six Canadian ice-fishermen to scramble out the back door.

'Maiden' · can't names prohl

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JEREMY MAISSEL Tou don't have to be a Sherlock Holmes to work out the etymology of a name like Abrahamson. And you don't need to be a cryptanalyst to decode names like Shmuelewitz, Davidian or Yitzhakshvilli. Such names, where the suffix indicates

Jews everywhere. Ibn-Haim (the Arab communities), Abramov (Russia), Yitzhak-Pur (Persia), and Abramovski (Slavic countries) to mention but a few - are Jewish patronymics honoring family heroes. All incorporating "son of," they are a natural way for revered names to be passed down the generations and the ages.
What about women's names?

the geographical origin of the family, are widespread amongst

Recent press reports regarding complaints received by the Israel Women's Network said the Interior Ministry was ignoring a February 1996 amendment to the Names Law legislating that a woman's name is no longer to be automatically changed to her husband's name on marriage:

"The law thus recognizes that a person's family name is part of an individual's identity, and is not to be changed unless the individual so requests."

The ministry, it seems, is still "updating" automatically women's names. In reply to charges of foot-dragging, it cites. technical reasons for the delay in implementing the new direc-

What do Isaac Bashevis Singer. Hzhak Periman and **Malcolm Rifkind** have in common?

tives. New computerization next month will enable the legislation to be effected.

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The practice in which a woman retains her maiden name on marrying is a statement, certainly. But it is a hollow one, at best. First, although it is called a "maiden name," all it does is preserve the name of the "maiden's" father.

Secondly, with social attitudes to women becoming more favorable with time, it is fairly likely that a "maiden's" father will be less of a feminist than the husband whose name she declines to

Thirdly, the statement's impact is transient. It may say something about the new wife - but her daughter will take her father's name, and thus the whole story will start again.

IN an over-zealous feminism, many Jewish women about to wed haven't bothered to look. closely at the family names they are rejecting - many of which immortalize the memory of Jewish family heroines.

Take for example, Freud, as in Sigmund. (He, I'm sure, would have had something interesting to say about daughters who cling to their father's names). His family name is a derivative of the woman's name Freida.

And what do Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, violinist Itzhak Perlman and British Foreign Secretary Malcolin Rifkind have in common? Their matronymic surnames.

Bashevis comes from the name Bat-Sheva (Bas-Sheva in the Ashkenazi pronunciation). Rifkind comes from Rivka. Perlman means "husband of Pe[a]rl. Similarly, Estherman is the husband of Esther, Dinessman of Dina, Hodessman or Godessman of Hadassah, and Zeldman of Zelda.

Baskin carries the suffix "kin" signifying "child of." Other examples are Sorkin from Sarah, Rivkin from Rivka, Chaikin from Chaya and Dvorkin from Dvora.

Hava, and Tzeitlin from Tzeitl. A different suffix yields names

Jewish patronymics.
Women's fight to keep their better to direct their energies.

Some feminists say that 90 per-

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Purim can't mask marital problems

DEAR RUTHIE

By RUTHE BLUM

ear . Ruthie, Every year, as Purim draws near, my wife and I end up quarreling over the costume issue. Since I was a child, I have always detested

putting on costumes of any kind. My wife, on the other hand, has always loved dressing up. She's also very talented at creating original costumes, and sewing them. (Our kids always win prizes for theirs.)

Every year, one or the other of our gang has a wild Purim

Every year, my wife will not accept that I want to go to these parties without a costume,

Every year, I end up giving in so as not to spoil her "fun." This year I am not going to allow her to dictate to me how I will be dressed. How can I do this without cre-

ating a major marital rift? Dressed Down Somewhere in Israel Dear Costume Cringing,

If refusal on your part to wear a Purim costume can cause a "major rift" in your marriage, then it's got some heavy cracks in it already.

Your description of the annual feud over the party dress code indicates that the costume question is symbolic of other issues the two of you are not resolving. It would be beneficial to examine what these other issues

might be. For example, your wife may feel that you are unappreciative of one of her more outstanding talents - talents for which strangers award her prizes.

Perhaps forcing you into donning one of her creations is an expression of frustration or feelings of inadequacy. You, then, may be responding

to her emotional urgency by "giving in" every year on the costume issue. Perhaps you would do better to

respond, instead, by paying gen-uine heed to her deep-seated

For her part, your wife should the needs of a husband who detests dressing up. Rather than forcing you to

ignore your ill ease at Purim. your wife would do better to help you resolve whatever it is which has caused it since you were a child.

Since Purim seems to bring so much marital baggage to the surface, you could use the upcoming weeks to discuss the issue, rather than fight over it.

Then, putting your foot down about dressing up will become unnecessary, either because your wife will have come to understand your distress or because you will have come to under-

Ideally, it will be a combination of the two.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

Rival claims to a disputed hilltop

The uproar over Har Homa could have been avoided if the government hadn't expropriated private lands for the project, says David Myr, the only lew still fighting against the land expropriation.

Out of the 1,850 dunams (460 acres) expropriated by the government for Har Homa, 1,400 belonged to Jews - all of whom, except for Myr, have accepted the terms of the expropriation. Myr owned the largest parcel of land expropriated for the project. For the last six years, Myr, heading a public real estate company called Makor, has been fighting the expropriation of his land through the court system all the way up to the Supreme Court.

Makor, with Myr at the helm, purchased 568 dunams of land in 1970; he also acquired the option to buy 383 dunams of land from Himanuta, a subsidiary of the Jewish National Fund (Myr never exercised this option but still claims that it is valid, even though the JNF property may be used by the government). For the last 25 years, Myr has been plan-ning the new neighborhood on his parcel of almost 1,000 dunams of land: there are extensive architectural plans, from basic blueprints to floor models, and even an animated computer design of the entire project.

"The Peace Project," as Myr calls it, is an entire town that includes 6,500 apartments, hotels, parks, schools, an industrial section for high-tech factories, a country club and a golf course. If it were not for the government intervention, all this would have been built by Myr, backed by private investors who also had business arrangements with companies such as Africa Israel and Migdal Insurance.

On April 21, 1991, the government expropriated 1850 dunams of land - including Myr's piece and 450 dunams of Arab land for its version of a Har Homa neighborhood. Their Har Homa, which will also include 6,500 housing units, has set off an international debate and threatens to send the peace process into

"Har Homa didn't have to be a political problem," says Myr.
"It's a private matter: In Har Homa there are Arabs and Jews. There wouldn't be a problem if all the private owners could build for themselves. They can build on their land and I will build on

Hanna Atrach, the mayor of Beit Sahur, the Arab town boris one of the 65 Arabs whose property was also expropriated by the government for the Har Homa project (Atrach's 110 dunams had been in his family since 1860).

Obviously Atrach prefers that the land returns to its original Arab and Jewish owners. But, he adds. "If Myr wants, he can develop it, but we in Beit Sahur should know about his plans." Atrach raises a consideration that Myr ignores: Even if the land is developed by private investors, it would only be viable if "the chance to build is on an equal basis. If he could develop his land then we should be able to develop ours."

"If the Palestinians would be given a fair shake to build on the land, then perhaps it would be less problematic," says Daniel Seidman, the lawyer representing 29 Arab families in the Supreme Court case against the expropria-



David Myr points to the plot of land at Har Homa, where he planned to build a 6,500-unit apartment complex and golf course.

tion (in a case separate from Myr's).

However, Palestinians are skeptical about government promises to provide housing for them. "The purported building for the Arabs is misinformation in order to quell the uproar," said Seidman. "In May 1995, during previous expropriations, the govemment said it would expedite the granting of building permits in eastern Jerusalem. Not one additional building permit was

The law of confiscation

The government of Israel

L according to the "Land Laws (Needs of the Public)," 1943. Owners of confiscated land are compensated according to the market value of their property. Many, however, do not recognize the validity of the expropriation and refuse to accept remuneration. The law states that if the finance minister needs property for public use, he can purchase it according to procedures outlined in the law. "Public need" is reflexively defined as "any need that the finance minister approves as a public need."

Andoni, of the Rasan Palestinian Center for Rapprochement, is a spokesman for all the Arab families with claims on Har Homa. He says that it is irrelevant whether the government or private owners a neighborhood."

Two-thirds of the land expropriated at Har Homa belonged to Jews. One of them won't give up the fight for his property. Palestinians aren't quite sure what to make of David Myr and his plans, Amy Klein reports

develop Har Homa. "Building Homa will destroy Bethlehem. It will take the last areas of land," asserts Andoni. He claims that even if most of the Har Homa land is owned by Jews - a fact that he and other Arabs have disputed since the 1930s (see box) - they would never want Myr to build his "Peace Project.

"Mr. Myr asked the govern-ment to take the land," claims initiated expropriation in the first place." The story of how the expropri-

ation came about is unclear. Six months before the government announced its intention to expropriate the land for Har Homa, the JNF, with the knowledge of Makor, wrote a letter to the Israel Lands Authority: "We should emphasize that the only way to move forward fast with the planning, building and completion of the neighborhood is by the consolidation of all the land in one: hand. In order to fulfill this purpose there should be an 'acquisition by law' so that we can create the neighborhood as soon as possible." The Supreme Court, which also claims that the JNF and Makor asked for expropriation, replied that: "The ILA cannot expropriate lands of one owner in order to give it to another for the purpose of establishing

Myr says that the JNF (and not published its intention to expro-

priate 1,850 dunams of land for Makor) had only asked for the "concentration" of the land for its own Har Homa project, development purposes, and not including land belonging to Myr.

Whose land is it anyway?

wnership of the land known today as Har Homa has been under dispute since 1935, when Sheikh Shihadeh sold 793 dunams of land, of which only 34 actually belonged to him. In fact, Shihadeh had sold the lands of other Arab families without company called Hachsharat Hayishuv (now owned by the private construction company Nimrodi) tried to claim the land it had

With the outbreak of war in 1948, the case was dropped and not re-opened until 1967, when the disputed land was annexed to

Ahmed Ali Sakhtour's land was sold without his knowledge. He was one of the few owners who had the necessary documentation to bring his case to court. There, Sakhtour disputed Hachsharat Hayishuv's maps and the original sale of the land and made a claim for 126 dunams.

By 1970, Makor and David Myr entered the picture, having purchased some of the lands in dispute. They had started their architectural plans to develop the "Peace Project." The Supreme Court distributed the land to the various claimants; Myr was awarded 563 dunams. In a 1987 appeal, the Supreme Court granted Sakhtour a total of 29 dunams, against his original claim of 126 dunams. In June 1991, the government expropriated Sakhtour's 29 dunams, along with Myr's 563. Sakhtour then joined his former opponent Myr in his suit against expropriation in order to get back his land - or what

expropriation. Whatever the six months later the government wrote the Supreme Court in

"We had to expropriate the land case, the government knew a in order to guarantee the estab-good idea when it saw one, and lishment of the neighborhood,"

defense of then finance minister Yitzhak Modai's expropriation of the land. "According to the finance minister's opinion, there is very little probability that the owners of the land could develop the land in a reasonable amount of time, if at all. His assumption was that only the municipalities could carry out the responsibilities including the implementation, building and financing of the residential neighborhood." It doesn't seem like anything

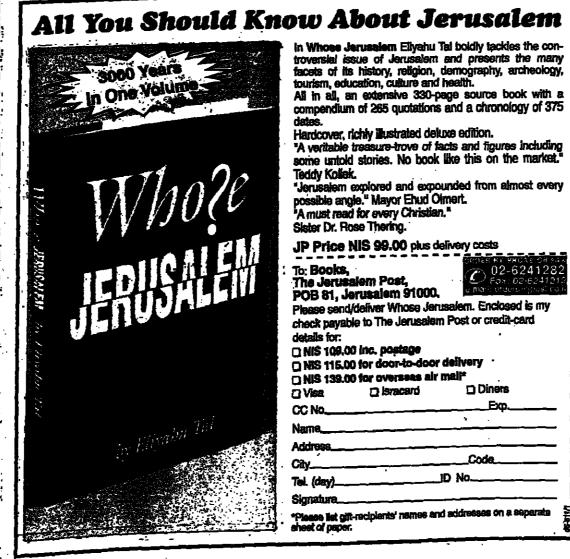
will get in the way of the government's building Har Homa: After the government expropriated the land, it took only two months to develop building plans, as opposed to Myr's two decades. (Myr claims that his plans will save \$800 million in development of the project.) A governto convene to reconsider the expropriation, but the meeting was cancelled.

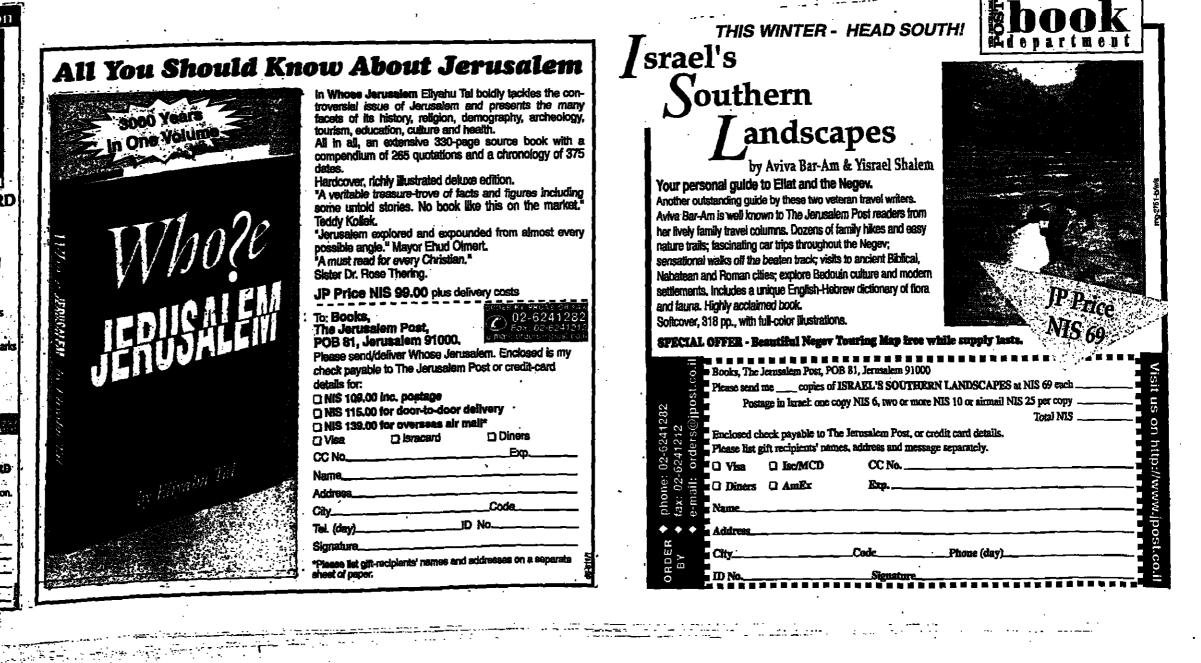
Even the Supreme Court cases challenging the expropriation and development plans will not halt bulldozers, as no stop orders have been issued. In the meantime, the Supreme

Court's first decision of December 1994 still stands. It upholds the expropriation "in light of the fact that all new neighborhoods in Jerusalem since 1967 were set up in a similar fashion, i.e., expropriation of essential land to create a neigh-

Everyone - from the profit-oriented Myr to the politically motivated Seidman - agree on one thing: expropriation is the worst option. "If building will be done with fiat, and not with consultation," said Seidman, "you leave people no alternative but to feel comered."

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Bezeq pays NIS120 million in dividends

Bezeq yesterday paid its stockholders an intermediate dividend totaling NIS 120 million – or 40 percent of its net profit during the first six months of 1996. The payment per share is 16.4 agorot (or 16.4%). Acting Bezeq director-general Avi Hochman said that NIS 91.25m. would be transferred to the state, which owns 77% of Bezeq shares; the British company Cable & Wireless, which owns a tenth of the company, will receive NIS 11.84m. The rest will be divided among scores of other shareholders. Bezeq is required to pay a dividend each year equal to 55% of its annual net profit. The company has not yet published its financial reports for 1996.

Telecom talks held with Jordan

The Israel-Jordan steering team for a joint telecom project met yesterday in Tel Aviv. Among the participants were heads of the Jordan Telecommunications Company and a Communications Ministry delegation headed by Haim Haviv.

The team discussed proposed projects, including the laying of an optic fiber cable between Tel Aviv and Amman or along the Jordan Rift from Amman to Aqaba and links to the undersea optic fiber cable off Eilat.

International Finance institute courts Israel

The Institute of International Finance would like Israel to become a member, managing director Charles Dallara said yesterday in between meetings with the country's economic leadership. The IIF, a nonprofit association of financial institutions, conducts research on emerging markets, provides a forum for the private financial community, and lobbies in support of its members' positions regarding global regulatory issues.

Bahrain, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are among the 14 Middle East countries and 45 nations worldwide whose banks, trading companies and/or export credit agencies belong to the institute. Jennifer Friedlin

Livnat seeks anti-piracy funds

The Communications Ministry has urgently asked the Treasury for more money to expand inspection teams looking for pirate radio stations, some of which cause dangerous interference with Ben-Gurion Airport's control towers.

Currently, only three ministry employees are responsible for locating illegal broadcasting stations. Communications Minister Limor Livnat, now on a working visit in London, called Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy and asked for an urgent meeting early next week with the police and other ministry representatives to discuss the problem.

EU agrees to energy tax plan

The European Commission agreed to a controversial draft law yesterday to raise the minimum taxes on motor and heating fuels and extend the taxes to electricity and natural gas. The plan is fiercely opposed by industry, particularly heavy-energy users such as the chemical and automobile sectors. EU finance ministers will have the final word - a task far from easy since they are required to reach a unanimous decision.

It is widely seen as an attempt to introduce a failed carbon dioxide tax to reduce gas emissions by the back door. But European Commissioner Mario Monti, in charge of the bloc's border-free market and tax issues, said it was an unprecedented move to reform the Union's tax structure.

3 coalition MKs threaten to rebel after Generali deal

By DAVID HARRIS

Three coalition MK's are refusing to support various Treasury proposals to the Knesset Finance Committee, because it has approved the sale of Migdal Insurance to Assicurazioni Generali, the Italian company which refuses to pay out on life insurance policies of Holocaust

MKs Michael Kleiner (Gesher). Avraham Herschson (Likud) and Nissim Dahan (Shas) said yesterday that until the Treasury cor-rects the situation they will not vote with the government, which means the opposition will effectively hold the majority in the powerful committee.

The three, who received the backing of MK Avner Shaki (an international lawyer), also said that if Generali does not come up with a serious proposal for compensation to the families of Holocaust victims before the

issue, they will demand a national boycott of Migdal and Generali.

Furthermore, Kleiner is calling on Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) to call Finance Minister Dan Meridor to appear next week before the committee to explain how Insurance Commissioner Doron Shorer could approve the sale, and to ask the minister to do his utmost to persuade Generali to pay. Kleiner is also to request that Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon

also attend the meeting.

Ravitz last night told The Jerusalem Post that he will be happy to consider such a proposal from Kleiner, but cannot confirm such a session until he has considered the issue in more detail. "If there proves to be substantiation for the claims, and I'm under the impression there will be, then of course we will have the legal wherewithal to consider the issue and call on

Dan Meridor to attend," said Ravitz.

"It cannot be that Sweden and Holland and others will investigate such claims and yet Israel continues to do business with Generali," said Dahan during yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Insurance sub-commit-

"We're not dealing with eco-

nomic issues, but the very exis-tence of the Jewish people." added Herschson, who chairs the Knesset Restitution of Jewish Property sub-committee. "In Britain they are running long television reports on the issue, in the US Congress a committee is examining the subject and yet here we're doing nothing. "People are giving me policies to forward, what can I say to these people - that Israel is throwing them into the garbage?"

Shorer again argued he doesn't object to the sale, which is economically sound. The sale of Migdal by Bank Leumi is valued at more than \$300 million, one of the largest-ever deals involving the sale of an Israeli company.

Declaring no confidence in Generali's commitments to investigate claims, Kleiner, who chairs the Insurance sub-committee, said in his three terms as an MK he has never witnessed such a negative response to the authority of the Knesset as that currently displayed by Generali.

Generali's legal representative in Israel, Amihud Ben-Porat, defended his company's actions on the basis there is no legal grounds for payments.

However, he said the company will treat any specific requests from MKs with full respect and endeavor to answer written ques-

"This cannot be treated in purely economic terms," responded Shaki, "because these claims are so moral and correct."

resulted from three main sources:

Elron's share in the net income of

affiliated companies, gain on equity

from a change in holdings and

income from the sale of investments

and holdings. Elron CEO Uzia Galil said the

company's plans for 1997 include

honing in on the information tech-

reap the fruits of Elbit's demerger

this year. Elron owns 40% of each

of the three companies, which were

formed as a result of Elbit Ltd.'s

Based in Haifa, Elron is a multi-

national high-tech holding company

that, through its affiliates, is

engaged with a group of companies

operating in the fields of medical

diagnostic imaging, advanced

defense electronics, communica-

tion, semiconductors, networking

services and Internet software.

Swiss franc (SF 200,000) Yen (10 million yen)

The company also said it hopes to

nology market.

1996 demerger

Wages eroded by 9.2%

By DAVID HARTAS

The average monthly wage last year rose by 1.2 percent in nominal terms, which means a 9.2% erosion in real terms, according to data published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The average wage ended the year at NIS 5,250. Some 2.163 inillion people were in jobs at the end of last year, a 4.6% increase from 1995.

When employees in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are included, the average wage fell to NIS 5,198, with a further 37,000 employed. In terms of the total wages paid to

workers, excluding the territories, there was a real-term decline of 6.6% in the last quarter of 1996, compared to the same period a year earlier. At the same time, the number of people employed rose 4%.

In the various industry sectors, wages shrank in real terms as follows: agriculture, education, banking, insurance and finance 7.8% - 7.9%; business services 6.6%; and public administration 6.2%.

Unemployment figures will be published today by the Employment Service department of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

In recent months there has been a considerable increase in unemployment. Unemployment rose 0.4% in the fourth quarter to 7.3%, its highest level in the last two years according to bureau statistics. There has been an average quarterly unemployment increase of 2.5% since April, compared to reductions of 3.3% in the equivalent 1995 period.

Microsoft signs deal with firm in Petah Tikva

By DAVID HARRIS

Microsoft Corporation has signed a cooperation agreement with Petah Tikva-based software developer BackWeb Technologies to expand broadcast channel and delivery options for the American company's Internet Explorer 4.0 version, scheduled for release this summer.

Out of 19 companies around the world offering such Internet producis. Muciosofi chose ule o company in the field.

BackWeb, established in 1995 by BRM and managed by Eli Bareket, allows Internet users to subscribe free to "channels" of information that appear on the screen while they're working and are clicked if the user wants to access them.

Instead of having to seek out sites in the vast Internet, ones they have selected automatically appear periodically as icons on the screen when new information is available.

The agreement lays the ground-

work for the joint creation of a BackWeb-based Microsoft Internet Explorer channel.

"BackWeb's client and server technology, integrated with Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0, is a perfect example of how firms can build on the open, standards-based technologies in Internet Explorer." said Brad Chase, Microsoft's vice president for marketing, Internet client and collaboration, in a statement from Los Angeles. "The power and control that Back Web's easy-touse server application gives channels for personalized broadcasting to Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 clients will be a high-value complement to the browser's open broadcast canabilities "

Miners protest in Germany

Thousands of angry miners protest in Bonn yesterday against government plans of Economic Minister Guenter Rexrodt to reduce subsidies for hard coal mining. The signs read 'Our coal does not need an interim depot' (left) and 'Rexrodt is the death of the coal."

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT Public Tender No. 3/97 **Provision of Outsourcing Computer Services**

Bids are invited for the provision of outsourcing computer services. This notice is also being published in the Hebrew press, and the text of the Hebrew notice is to be regarded as definitive.

A. Information Required: 1. Bidders must be organizations, registered in Israel, as required by law.

2. Bidders must be have had an annual turnover in the 1996 tax

year of at least NIS25 million, from activities in outsourcing, managing computer installations, development and maintenance of software and Help Desk (excluding sale of hardware, and software licensing) as shown in the audited balance sheet.

3. Bidders must have at least 40 salaried, full-time employees, working in the fields noted in Para. 2 above.

4. Bidders must have at least two years' experience in outsourcing, and in fields similar to those referred to in the tender documents, obtained in working with at least two customers, the scope of the annual volume of work involved being at least NIS 1 million for

each customer. 5. In the context of Paras. 2, 3 & 4, the term, "bidder," includes a subsidiary company, with the requirements of these paragraphs applying to the parent company, there being close professional

connections between the companies.

6. The manager responsible for the provision of the services concerned must have at least 10 years' experience with computers and information systems, and at least 3 years' experience in managing systems and staff; he should have at least a first degree in a relevant field, and additional relevant

Bidders will submit all the permits specified in the Public Business Companies Law (enforcement of the requirement to keep account books and to pay tax demands) 1976, and a certificate showing that the bidder is a registered trader, as defined in the Added

8. Bids should be accompanied by an unconditional bank guarantee for NIS80,000, made out in favor of the Ministry of the Environment, and valid until 30,10,97.

9. An agreement will be signed with the successful bidder, similar to the sample agreement attached to the tender documents.

10. The agreement with the successful bidder will be for a period of five years, with an option for extension of two years.

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 Bids which are not in accordance with the tender conditions, or which do not have all the required documents attached will not be considered.

2. No undertaking is given to accept any bid.

3. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest bid.
4. The right is reserved to cancel the tender, if the best bid does not meet the Ministry's requirements.
5. The right is reserved to negotiate with those bidders competing

for the tender, whose bids are found to be suitable. 6. The successful bidder will be chosen, by reference to the following: the quality of the proposal, and its appropriateness for the purposes of the Ministry; the experience of the bidder, the financial standing of the bidder; an opinion of the bidder and the

general impression obtained.

The Ministry may choose two or more successful bidders. 1. The tender documents and the specification may be obtained from the Ministry of the Environment, Banam Dept., 5 Rehov Kanfel Nesharim, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., against payment of NIS2,000 (nonreturnable under any circumstances), which should be paid into the Account of the Ministry of the Environment at the Postal Bank, acc. no, 0-

248488, earmarked for Tender No. 3/97.

A meeting of bidders will be held on Thursday, March 27, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., at the Shalom Hotel, 25 Rehov Shahrai, Bayit Vagan, Jerusalem. Participation in this meeting is a condition of tendering.
3. Bids should be submitted in five copies in Hebrew, in accordance

with the Maftah Procedure, by 12 noon on 30.4.97, in a closed envelope marked Tender No. 3/97, and placed in the tenders box in the Banam Dept., 5 Rehov Kanfel Nesharim (4th floor) Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Bids may be submitted, only by those who have purchased the

specification and the tender documents.

COMPANY RESULTS

Tadiran's '96 profits more than treble

and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Tadiran, Israel's largest electronics company and a subsidiary of Koor Industries, reported a 236 percent increase in earnings to NIS 296 million last year from 1995, the

company reported yesterday. Net income for the year included a gain of \$33.7m. from the initial public offering of Tadiran Telecommunications. The subsidiary raised \$69m. from the offer-

However, fourth quarter net profits dropped 12.7% to \$9.6m. from \$11m. in the same 1995 period.

The company blamed the decrease on the registration of onetime tax revenues last year. Income after income taxes increased to \$13.3m. in the fourth quarter from \$12m. in the same period in 1995. Sales increased 6.5% to \$1.11b.

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Discount Investments and its affil-

iate PEC, members of the IDB

Group, have acquired Hevrat

Ha'ovdim's shares in Nitzanim - the

entrepreneurial center of the

Nuclear Research center at Nahal

The investment companies pur-chased 50 percent of Nitzanim for

\$8.5 million. The remaining shares

are owned by Isorad, the economic

invest in the world's major exchanges

with Israel Discount Bank

world

Revenues for the fourth quarter fell to \$268.5m, from \$283.1m. Exports represented more than 50% of fourth quarter sales.

Lower domestic sales and the economic slowdown led to a drop in sales from the telecommunications segment, the appliances and batteries segment and the electronic systems segment, the company said. The decrease in sales was partly offset by a rise in computer software segment sales.

Fourth quarter operating income fell to \$13.3m from \$17.7m

Tadiran completed its reorganization last year, according to president and CEO Israel Zamir.

The company currently operates five business segments telecommunications, communications, electronic systems, appliances and batteries and computer soft-

owned by the government

Isorad is mainly engaged in adap-

tation of military know-how and

techniques to civilian operations.

Many of the country's hi-tech com-

panies established over the past

decade are based on know-how

from the military and military indus-

tries, which have suffered from a

Nitzanim operates a technology

incubator in the framework of the

Office of the Chief Scientist at the

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drop in government budgets.

"Tadiran is now managed as a specialized strategic group. All activities have been absorbed by separate companies, each operating on profit and loss basis," he said.

Last year Tadiran Com. was formed to control the key defense activities of the communications group. Other decentralizations measures included the formation of Tadiran Electronic Systems, Tadiran Spetralink, Tadiran Telematics and Tadiran Batteries, said Zamir.

Elron Electronic Industries reported a 10% increase in annual net income to \$11.3m. last year from \$10.3m. in 1995. Aggregate annual revenues of the companies in the Elron group exceeded \$1.2 billion, similar to 1995.

In the fourth quarter, net income went up to \$3.8m. from \$3.1m. in the same period in 1995. The company said its earning

Discount Invest. buys stake in Nitzanim

arm of the research center, which is ideas developed at the center have led to the establishment of 15 companies, including five that have raised capital from various institutions in Israel, France and the US to finance development and manufac-

turing phases. The investment is part of Discount investment's business strategy to expand its involvement in technology incubators as a method of expanding activities of its high-tech subsidiaries. The know-how accumulated by the incubators can be adopted for civilian use, the compa-



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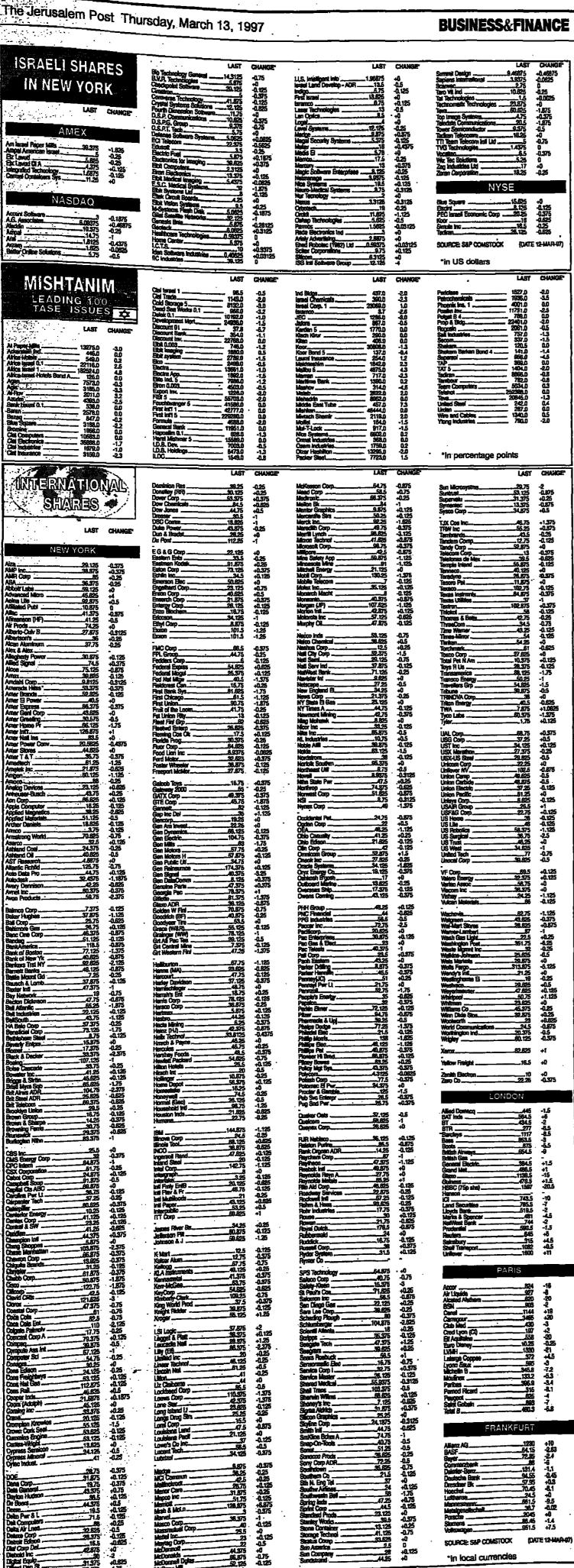
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TASE ROUNDUP

Indexes fall for third consecutive day

Mishtanim **249.47 ▼ 0.88**% **255.92** ▼ 0.88%

By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes fell for a third day yesterday as investors focused on February's consumer index, due tomorrow.

The CPI is expected to show prices rose one percent in the month and is unlikely to prompt

Key Representative Rates US Dollar NIS 3.3730 + 0.15% Sterling NIS 5,3875 - 0.72%

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LONDON METAL FIXES

SOURCE: S&P CONSTOCK (DATE 12-MAR-97)

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the Bank of Israel to reduce inter-

Declining companies included Koor Industries Ltd., which produces some 7% of Israel's industrial output, and its subsidiary Tadiran Ltd., a telecommunications and appliance manufac-

Many analysts expect the Bank of Israel to leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 13.9%, even if Friday's CPI report shows prices rose 1% in February

because the rate is already considered relatively high.

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 0.88% to 255.92 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues dropped 0.88% to 249.47.

The general bond index fell 0.05%. Of 961 shares trading. across the exchange, five shares fell for every two that rose. NIS 97.4 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 1.9m. below Tuesday's level.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European bourses close sharply lower

(Reuter) LONDON European bourses closed sharply down yesterday as Wall Street was hit by profit-taking with American investors jittery about the direction of interest rates. And on currency markets, the

dollar ran out of steam against the mark after earlier strengthening on growing speculation about a US rate hike. European equity markets had a

disappointing trading session after an unsettled day on Tuesday when the bourses backtracked after roaring to new record trading highs.

London, Europe's biggest

bourse, closed down by 0.5 percent, unsettled by Wall Street's negative opening. It was the London market's first setback in more than a week. The FTSE index, baving surged 137 points, or 3.2%, to

record peaks during the previous six sessions, ended 21.8 points lower at 4,422.5. "The market has run too far

over the short term, but we're optimistic over the medium term," said NatWest equity strategist David McBain, whose year end target for the benchmark index is 4,600, the top of the range of forecasts.

European bourses, all trading at record levels in the last few days, seemed to lose their nerve as Wall Street fell at the start. American investors, worried about interest rates, trod cautiously ahead of this month's meeting of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee.

In Frankfurt, shares on the computerized IBIS index closed 1.42% down because of the weakening dollar and the poor opening on Wall Street.

Floor trading had earlier closed showing losses of 1.31%. The market was weakened as chemicals group Hoechst AG fell 3.25 marks, more than 4%, to 71.95 after it shelved plans to list its HMR Marion Roussel "twit.

WALL STREET REPORT

Blue-chip stocks take beating

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks fell sharply yesterday as the market paused after setting record highs the previous two ses-

Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 45.79 points

at 7,039.37, after falling more than

50 points earlier. The index ended Tuesday at 7,085.16, beating Monday's record finish of 7,079.39.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by 15 to nine on active volume of 486 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Haifa: Balfour, 1 Massada, 862-2289. Krayot area: Kupat Holim Clain Zevulun, 192 Derech Akko, Kiryat Bialik, 878-7818. Herzilya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzilya Pituah, 955-8472, 955-8407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight. Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mali, 657-0468. Open 9 a.m. to 10

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (Internal, pediatrics); Hadassah Ein Kerem (surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, ENT); Shaare Zedek (obstetrics). Tet Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center Dana Pediatric Hospital (pediatrics); Tel Aviv Medical Center (surgery). Netanya: Laniado.

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Eliat 633-1977. Hadassah Medical Organization Israel Cancer Association support service 02-624-7676).

Sweden tops host Israel, 1-0

BY DEREK FATTAL

Sweden ended deserved 1-0 winners in last night's friendly international against Israel at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan. The Swedes' victory was provided by a 69thminute goal from Gothenberg's Andreas Andersson who embarrassed three Israeli defenders in the penalty area before driving the ball into the gap between Rafi Cohen and the near post.

The result was Israel's second defeat in three preparatory matches aimed at tuning up the national squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier away to Luxembourg at the end of the month. With five core players last night missing it is difficult to estimate Israel's chances of getting the victory it so desperately needs from its next outing. The schizophrenic character that

so often personifies the national squad came back to haunt last night. In the first half, the Israelis exhibited pleasing measured soc-cer, as midfield deputies Yossi Abuksis and Ran Ben-Shimon played to perfection, sending every pass to a correct address. Accordingly, Israel's attack was

able to stretch and penetrate the Swedish area to the extent that the hosts could have been two goals up before the halftime whistle as center forward Alon Mizrahi in particular managed to create scoring chances.

In sharp contrast after the interval, the same two midfielders appeared to have stayed in the dressing room, such was their lack of contribution to the national cause. The back line led so valiantly by Arik Benado and Felix Halfon earlier also got the jitters. With such a deep character transformation, the Swedes were bound to win given the greater time they had in possession.

The Israelis should have scored as early as the fifth minute when Moshe Glam sent Ronnie Rosenthal on his way to goal, only for the Tottenham player to fire into Thomas Ravelli's side netting. Sweden's sole opportunity before the break was wasted by Bologna's Kent Andersson who sliced his effort skywards in the 19th minute. That miss singled the start of Israel's best phase.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - Sweden midfielder Anders Andersson (r) battles for the ball with Israel defender Arik Benado. Sweden won the international friendly, 1-0.

higher than the two burly defenders who were meant to attend to him and directed his header across goal beyond the reach of Ravelli, only to be foiled by the post. Abuksis then sent in a free kick that Eli Ohana gathered and dis-patched into goal, but German-referee Harmut Strampe correctly ruled the move offside. In the 26th minute, Ohana sprinted to the byline on the left and crossed to Mizrahi. Just as the Bnei Yehuda captain was about to home in on the ball before an empty net, Johan Mjallby cleared to the relief of Ravelli who was no doubt keen to end his 136th national appearance with a clean sheet.

Following an injury to left back Glam, the hosts began to fade.

In the 24th minute, Mizrahi rose After the interval, it was one-way traffic as the Swedes speeded up the play and managed to pin their opponents back. Only Alon Hazan -brought in for Glam - seemed

capable of getting the ball forward.
The stage was therefore clearly set for a Swedish win when Andersson waltzed methodically into Cohen's area with 21 minutes to go, turned Nir Klinger, then Ben-Shimon and Amir Shelach before choosing his spot. It is a matter of speculation as to whether Cohen should have saved the resulting goal. Two further chances came Sweden's way later in the match but Cohen was in place to deny both attempts by sper Blomavist.

The introduction of Guy Yitzhak for his international debut - and

Shai Holtzman in the final quarter good test for us." hour gave Israel a little more sharpness but not enough to salvage the match.

After the game, national coach Shlomo Scharf summed up saying. "We were naive in front of goal and our players lack the stamina and conviction to play at this level." Scharf pointed to the low standard of the Israeli league for this. "I expect a much better performance and far greater motivation against Luxembourg," Scharf added.

Swedish coach Tommy Svensson was in better mood at the postmatch press conference. "We were disorganized and couldn't find our rhythm in the first half. But in the second half we settled down and didn't allow Israel to find their game. All in all, this was a very

In the 12 matches between the two nations, the Swedes are 7-4-1. Teams: Israel: 1-Rafi Cohen, 2-Felix Halfon, 3-Moshe Glam (14-Alon Hazan 45th minute). 4-Amir Shelah, 5-Arik Benado, 6-Nir

Klinger, 7-Alon Mizrahi (19-Shai Holtzman 75th), 8-Yossi Abuksis (15-Guy Yitzhak 76th), 9-Ronnie Rosenthal, 10-Ran Ben-Shimon, 11-Eli Ohana. Sweden: 1-Thomas Ravelli (12-Magnus Hedman 45th), 2-Roland Nilsson, 3-Christian Carlsson, 4-Andreas Jacobsson, 5-

Teddy Lucic (15-Niclas Alexandersson 72nd), 6-Johan Mjaliby, 7-Hakan Mild, 8-Anders Andersson, 9-Andreas Andersson, 10-Kent Andersson (Mathias 61st),

and nine assists. He was 5-for-16

from the field and 14-of-19 from

Gugliotta and Doug West each

finished with 13 points, and Kevin

Garnett added 11 points and 12

Mavericks 91, Knicks 83

Host Dallas caught the Knicks

apparently still celebrating their upset of Chicago and ended New

York's seven-game winning

Michael Finley scored 23 points

and Erick Strickland added 22,

including 12-for-12 shooting from

Strickland's four free throws in

The Knicks failed for the third

time this season to extend a win-

ning streak to eight games. Their

previous seven-game runs came to

an end with a 34-point loss at

Detroit and a 20-point loss at

Heat 108, Bucks 93

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For Maccabi, it's all or Efes Tel Aviv hoopsters face host Efes Pilsen in rubber match

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv did not have much time to savor its 78-65 victory over Efes Pilsen on Tuesday night. Instead the team caught a flight yesterday morning to Istanbul for the third and decisive game in tonight's Final 16 series. The odds do not point toward a

Maccabi victory. The Israelis have lost five consecutive European road games, and Efes Pilsen is undefeated in nine Euro League home contests this season, including its 76-67 victory over Maccabi in Game 1.

However, Maccabi is not the only team with its back to the wall. Both clubs are under great pressure to advance to the quarterfinals, as anything less would be seen as a failure.

Both Maccabi and Efes have recent memories of failing in very similar circumstances. Three seasons ago, Efes reached Game 3 of the European quarterfinals with the home-court advantage against Barcelona. Despite an 8-1 home mark entering the contest, the Turks lost the deciding game in Istanbul, and Barcelona went on to the Final Four.

In 1992, Maccabi also reached the third game of the quarterfinals, but lost on the road, 55-54, before the fanatical crowd of Estudiantes

A similar boisterous bunch will be on hand tonight in Istanbul, but history will be thrown out the window once the game begins.

In order to give themselves a fair chance at victory, Maccabi must play the type of team defense it demonstrated on Tuesday at Yad Eliyahu. The Israelis must also be patient on offense and connect on a high percentage of its free throws, as every point will be crucial.

Who will provide Maccabi with the outside shooting is a worrisome concern. With Doron Sheffer (3.0 points on 18.7 percent shooting in the series) and Oded Katash (6.5 points on 25% shooting) well below their European averages, the Israelis had to rely on Borko Radovic in Game 1 and Demick Sharp on Tuesday to provide the long-range firepower. Will there be somebody to step up tonight?

So far, Maccabi has been successful in containing star point guard Petar Naumoski, who is six points below his Euro League average in the series and has not had his usually decisive influence on the flow of action. Preventing him from erupling with a monster game must be one of Maccabi's main goals.

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Maccabi Tel Aviv's stats in Final 16 series

	Scoring average	Ave. before series	Shooting from field	Shooting before series	Free throws		
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iite	11.5	15.4	55.5% (10-19)	52.9% (100-189)	100%(3-3		
lovic	11.0	5.0	80.0% (4-5)	41.5% (22-53)	0% (0-0)		
nefeld	10.5	7.4	66.7% (8-12)	50.5% (46-91)	56.5% (5-		
Harp	9.0	4.3	50.0% (5-10)	38.7% (19-49)	80.0% (4-0		
esh	6.5	10.1	25.0% (2-8)	33.3% (40-120)	80.0% (8-1		
	5.0	7.3	44.4% (4 -9)	43.5% (27-62)	100% (2-2		
efler	3.0	11.8	18.7% (3-16)	48.6% (71-146)	0% (0-0)		
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Efes Pilsen's stats in Final 16 series

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	10.0	6.5	64.3% (9-14)	53.0% (44-83)	100% (2-2)		
can	9.5	11.7	26.9% (7-26)	57.4% (50-87)	66.7% (4-6)		
on	8.0	9.0	35.7% (5-14)	48.9% (22-45)	66.7% (4-6) 85.7% (6-7)		
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Leicester to face Boro in League Cup final

LONDON (Reuter) - Middlesbrough last night advanced to the finals of the League Cup, following their 2-1 aggregate win over Stockport and will face Leicester in the final on April 6 at Wembley. Stockport won the second leg of the semifinal bout, 1-0, but it was not

Their foes will be Leicester City, who made up for the disappointment of a recent FA Cup exit to a controversial penalty by reaching the League Cup final on Tuesday.

Leicester beat Wimbledon on the away goals rule with a 1-1 draw in their semifinal second leg after the two teams had fought a 0-0 draw in the first leg.

The result ended Wimbledon's hopes of appearing in both English cup finals, the London club having already reached the FA Cup semifinals. Leicester, ousted 1-0 at Chelsea in a fifth-round FA Cup replay after a disputed penalty, came from behind to secure success over Wimbledon.

Wimbledon seized the initiative after 23 minutes. Leicester defender Julian Watts miscued an attempted clearance on the left, Marcus Gayle took possession, sped forward and unleashed a fierce shot which beat American goalkeeper Kasey Keller. But Leicester equalized eight minutes into the second half from a free-

kick on the right, Simon Grayson rising at the far post to head home what proved to be the crucial goal. Leicester clung on to their slender advantage through extra time, Gary

Parker twice clearing off the line from successive Wimbledon corners in In Premier League action last night, it was Leeds 0, Southampton 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sunderland 1; West Ham 3, Chelsea 2. On

Tuesday, Nottingham Forest drew 1-1 at Blackburn.

Jordan is 6th-leading scorer Marbury finished with 24 points

BOSTON (AP) - Michael Jordan became the NBA's sixth all-time leading scorer with 32 points that boosted his career total to 26,399 in the Chicago Bulls' 117-106 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

Jordan, who has been playing for 12 seasons, moved past former, Celtic John Havlicek's total from 16 seasons. With 20 games left this season, Jordan needs just 312 points to move into fifth place past Oscar Robertson's 26,710 points in 14 seasons.

Hawks 106, Jazz 99 Steve Smith scored 27 points and Mookie Blaylock had 26 as host Atlanta won its fifth straight

Atlanta made a season-high 40, free throws and shut down the Jazz after John Stockton's 3-pointer with 5:36 remaining gave Utah a 92-90 lead. Although losing, the Jazz became the second team, after the Bulls, to clinch a playoff

Hornets 98, Grizzlies 92 Glen Rice scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half and host Charlotte struggled before extending its longest winning streak of the season to six games.

The Homets, one of the league's hottest teams with 10 victories in 11 games, couldn't put away the Grizzlies, who have a league-high 53 losses, until Rice had a 3-pointer and a steal to key a run midway through the fourth quarter.

With 19 games left in the regular season, the Hornets (41-22) have matched their victory total from

Rockets 103, Spurs 79 Kevin Willis scored 19 points and Houston completed a sweep of its five-game road trip. It was the sixth straight win

overall for Houston, which played without injured All-Stars Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley during the trip. The Rockets moved within 2½ games of Utah for first place in the Midwest Division. Monty Williams had 19 points

for the injury-plagued Spurs, who had their two-game winning streak snapped. Timberwolves 104, 76ers 100

Stephon Marbury got the best of fellow rookie Allen Iverson late in the fourth quarter as Minnesota won at home.

Marbury led a frantic fourthquarter rally with 13 of the Wolves' final 18 points as Minnesota outscored Philadelphia 18-4 in the final 5:52 to erase a 14point deficit, its largest of the

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Tim Hardaway had 29 points and made six 3-pointers and reserve center Isaac Austin added a season-high 26 points as Miami

won on the road. P.J. Brown had a season-high 19 points as the Heat beat the Bucks for the 17th straight time, including nine in a row at the Bradley

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Tuesday's results: Chicago 117, Boston 106; Charlotte 98, Vancouver 92; Atlanta 106, Utah 99; Houston 103, San Antonio 79; Minnesota 104, Philadelphia 100; Miami 108, Milwaukee 93; Dallas 91, New York 83; Orlando 96, Denver 91; Toronto 105, Phoenix 101; Portland 109, LA Clippers 105; Seattle 93, Detroit 80; Cleveland 88, Sacramento 85.

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Tuesday's results; Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2 (OT); New Jersey 6, Edmonton 1; Washington 4, Vancouver 1; Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 2; St.Louis 4, San

Israel gains 2nd team in Euro League

Despite the loss by Hapoel Jerusalem in the European Cup quarterfinals on Tuesday to Iraklis Salonika, Israel will still gain a second representative in the Euro League next season.

Every team which reaches the Final Four of the European Cup tournament secures an additional place for its country in the Euro League. However, three of the teams in the semifinals - Real Madrid, Verona and Racing Paris - represent countries which already have the maximum three clubs. (Iraklis won back the third spot for Greece, which was set to lose it due to the last-place finish of Panionios in one of the Euro League's four groups this season).

This leaves three Euro League spots open, to be contested among the four teams which lost in the European Cup quarterfinals: Turkey, Israel, Poland and Portugal.

FIBA decides which of these countries receives the extra Euro League spot based on the ranking of each nation's league. Since Israel is certain to be ranked at least above Poland, this assures Israel an extra spot.

F-1 driver rules out mistake by Senna

IMOLA, Italy (AP) - Former Formula One driver Pierluigi Martini testified yesterday that only a problem with his car could have caused Ayrton Senna's fatal crash during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix.

Martini, testifying in the trial of six top F-1 officials charged with manslaughter for the death of the three-time world champion, said "a driver like Ayrton Senna would not have sped off the track at that point if not for some problem. But I don't know what the problem could have been," said the 35-year-old Italian. Prosecutor Maurizio Passarini contends that a badly modified

steering column in Senna's car cracked, causing the crash. Senna failed to take the Tamburello corner and crashed against a concrete wall. The Brazilian died of massive head injuries.

The prosecutor contends that the steering column broke after it was modified to make it shorter.

Ferdinand likely sidelined

NEWCASTLE (AP) - A hamstring injury will likely keep Newcastle striker Les Ferdinand out of next Tuesday's UEFA Cup quarterfinal second-leg game against Monaco. Ferdinand aggravated the injury when he came on as a substi-

tute in Newcastle's 4-3 loss to Liverpool on Monday night. He limped off after just 11 minutes. Newcastle is already without its top striker, Alan Shearer, who is sidelined after undergoing surgery for a groin injury.

Philippoussis defeats Agassi behind 23 aces

INDIAN WELLS, Ca (AP) - Defending champion Michael Chang needed just 75 minutes to beat unseeded Sjeng Schalken 6-4, 6-3 Tuesday night and advance to the third round of the Newsweek Champions Cup.

Mark Philippoussis, the hardest-hitting server in tenns, had 23 aces as he defeated 10th-seeded Andre Agassi 7-6(7-5); 7-6 (7-5). Agassi, considered to have one of the best remins of serve, could not handle the Australian's 23 aces, one clocked at 139 mph (223 kph). Philippoussis, the winner of last week's-Franklin Classic in Scottsdale, Arizona, faced Agassi for the

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Han Schul replaces Mario Venzago, who canceled his performances with the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion. Schul leads the orchestra in Mendelssohn's Fourth Symphony. Natasha Tadson plays Weber's Konzertstuck for Piano and Orchestra and, together with Reinhold Friedrich, Shostakovich's Concerto for Piano and Trumpet. Tonight and Saturday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center (8:30). Doron Solomon leads his Kibbutz Chamber

Orchestra in Partos's Concertino for Strings and excerpts from de Palla's El Amor Brujo. Ruben Séroussi plays Rodrigo's Concierto d'Aranjuez and Bach's Concerto for Violin and Oboe with Ella Vaulin and Hila Zabari Peleg as soloists, Saturday (11.11 a.m.) at Tzavta in Tel Aviv. The New Israeli Vocal Ensemble, directed by

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Yuval Ben-Ozer, sings selections by Ravel, Saint-Saens, Faure, Ponlenc, Elkan and many others. Saturday (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum. The spring concert season at the Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem opens Saturday (8:30 p.m.)

Brams, Fance and others as well as Roman

Krasnovsky's solo for organ, Yitzhak's Lament.
Contralto Mira Zakai and pianist Menahem Wiesenberg perform folk songs in artistic guise hy Britten, Ravel, Berio, Brahms, de Falla, Zeira, Hernzi and others. Saturday (8:30) at the Jaffa Music Centre.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Cain't say no to Oklahoma!, the Light Opera Group of the Negev (LOGON) production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's all-time great classic nusical. Gabriella (Sound of Music) Lewis and Rosa Howden share Laurey, Stephen Howden is her sweetheart Curly, and marvelous Marcus Meyerowitz is "pore" Jud Fry. Tonight at the Netanya municipal auditorium at 8:30. (English, with Hebrew supertitles)

The TheaterNetto festival and competition of monodramas kicks off tonight at Suzanne Dellal. Among the recommended plays of the 12 on offer are Along the Walls (tonight, mainstage, 8) performed by Rosina Kambos, The Spit (tonight, Inbal, 8 and 11:15) from Orna Katz, Red Threads played by Uri Avrahami (tomorrow, Inbal, 9:30 and 11:15 p.m.), Josephine performed by Nelly Amar (tomorrow, hall 4, 9:30 and 11:15 p.m.), Mr



Ilan Schul conducts Mendelssohn in Tel Aviv.

V with Jonathan Tcherchi (Saturday, Inbal, 8 and 9:45 p.m.), and Call Waiting with Anat Barzilai on the phone (Saturday, hall 4, 8 and 9:45 p.m.). All shows play three times. (Hebrew)

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

Tenor saxophonist Ari Brown returns as the last star of the Jazz at the Museum series. Considered Chicago's top jazz sax, Brown goes seamlessly from traditional standards to free jazz and beyond. He'll be playing with such as Dani Gottfried on piano and Eli Magen on bass tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum at 9:30.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The bus bombing at Dizengoff Center a year ago was the most violent and traumatic terrorist attack Tel Aviv has known. Now Me tells the story one of the victims, 28-year-old Meital Leiderman, who lost her younger brother in the attack and herself suffered extensive burns and shattered limbs. The film, by Yael Kiefer, followed her for nine months, throughout her process of rehabilitation and the rebuilding of her relationship with her husband. This is a moving tale of willpower, courage, optimism and love. Channel 2 at 10:30 tonight.









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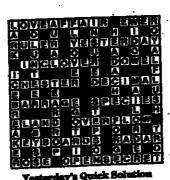
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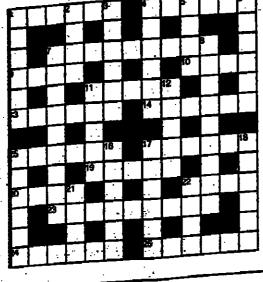
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The Labor Party yesterday called on the Palestinians to return to the negotiating table and on both sides to prevent the escalation towards violence.

Labor yesterday convened an emergency meeting of its executive committee to discuss the grave deterioration in Israel's relations with the Arab states and the Palestinians. Labor also is preparing for the no-confidence motion to be presented against Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government next Monday.

Labor Chairman MK Shimon Peres made it clear he would not take part in the international convention Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is organizing in Gaza on Saturday. proposing another conference be held - with the same participants

Peres said the crisis between Israel and the Arab world is the

worst ever - both in scope and in intensity - since the signing of the Oslo agreement a few years

Earlier yesterday, Peres said, "This government's basic problem is not deciding to build in Har Homa or not, but the contradiction between the peace process and the government's position. Hence Netanyahu makes a gesture towards the Arabs one time, and towards the right wing another time. He's zigzagging: at one point he upsets one side, and at the next he upsets the other. You can't conduct a peace process in two contradictory directions at the same time.

Peres said that relations between Israel and the Arabs "had been different and could be

Netanyahu's statements, "he did not inherit a bad security situation, but a very good one. Arafat had quashed terrorism two months before the elections, and

has been keeping it down since.
"We too built in Jerusalem, but there is a way to build houses, not scandals. Much can be done wisely, gradually, not with drum beating and trumpets. Netanyahu has mobilized the whole world against us in the Jerusalem issue, both in the tunnel affair and now, with contradictory, confusing statements."

Labor MK Yossi Beilin said that if Netanyahu announces his intention to evacuate 10 percent of the territory and put off the construction in Har Homa until after the permanent settlement, Labor would not join the noconfidence



By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Tel Aviv Journalists Association yesterday warned of violence against their number, in view of the increasing incitement against the media by senior officials in the government.

The Association expressed disappointment at the silence of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Prosecutor Edna Arbel following the calls of "death to the media" in the Likud central committee meeting last

The Association may file police complaints against senior figures, including Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, association chairman Arye Avneri of Yediot ence yesterday.

"Never has an Israeli government attacked and incited against the media as this one has," Avneri

Avneri said he gave a list of statements by senior figures to legal advisors to examine whether official police complaints can be lodged against them for incitement, to start an investigation. Association director Razi

Guterman expressed concern over prime minister's office directorgeneral Avigdor Liberman's statements to the effect that he will "settle accounts" with certain journalists and that there are journalists who must be kicked out. He said Netanyahu should have hushed the people shouting 'death to the media' at the Likud gathering. Instead, his spokesman said Netanyahu had heard or said nothing against the media. "But we all saw him, in re-run broadcasts, responding to these calls."
Guterman said Netanyahu's

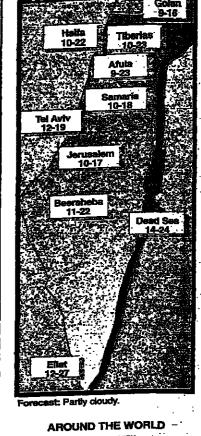
obsession since being elected prime minister has been attacking the media. "Criticizing the media is legitimate, but inciting against journalists is dangerous to the freedom of expression and to democracy," he said.

The speakers also protested against the investigation into the "leak" of the cabinet protocol in the Bar-On Affair, noting that the attorney-general was formerly cabinet secretary and knows the routine of "leaks" from cabinet meetings. Already there is evidence that the inquiry has "dried up" information sources, who fear being interrogated. This obstructs



Equal opportunity play

MK Adisu Massala (Labor) poses yesterday with two nursery-school pupils in Ramle and part of the first shipment of some 500 dark-skinned dolls he organized from donors in the US. Massala said the dolls, to be distributed at nursery schools throughout the country, are to provide all children, not only those of Ethiopian origin, with a more natural choice of play objects.



Fighting in zone

Hizbullah guerrillas fired mortar rounds at a South Lebanese Army unit on patrol in the security zone's eastern sector last night. No casualties or damage were reported. IDF and SLA units returned fire.

Panther helicopter fleet joins the navy

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Four bnew Panther helicopters officially joined the Israel Navy yesterday, giving it a new generation of enhanced weapons systems believed to greatly extend its offensive arm. A fifth helicopter is to be delivered shortly.

The Panther, known in Hebrew as Atalef (bat) replaces the seacrashed at sea last September killing all three of its crew. The deal cost the IDF \$63 million.

Three of the blue and gray Panthers flew yesterday into the Ramat David Air Base, led by the navy's last remaining Dolphin. Families of the pilots and invited guests gathered on the sunny tarmac applauded as the squadron's emblem was affixed to the air-

"This is a day which strengthens the navy, the air force, and the IDF." said OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu. "A lot of missions await you, but go slowly... from tomorrow the ceremonies will be over, and you return to training and to operations if the need arises; do it as best as you can."

The ceremony was somewhat marred by the often-noted

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A Panther helicopter lands on the deck of a Sa'ar missile ship.

absence of the crew of the illfated Dolphin, including Lt.-Col. Benzi Bachar, who saw the project from its inception and was to have led the first Panther squadron.

"My husband used to say, "This is all we have and we have to win with it,' and this is what I'm trying to do," said Bachar's widow, Shlomit. "It's painful and happily moving at the same time."

The atmosphere in the air force since 73 servicemen were killed in the February 4 collision between two transport helicopters is still heavy. Ben-Eliyahu refused to be interviewed by the media and had actually ordered IDF spokesmen not to allow journalists to

Something happened in the air said Lt.-Col. Z, the force," Panther squadron commander. There is no doubt the Yasur helicopter tragedy was a blow to the squadron... When you're getting back to routine, this national mourning hits you and it of course causes difficulties and uncomfortable feelings," he said.

The Panther is an updated version of the Dolphin. Known by its integral tail rotor, the Panther is a new-generation aircraft that will enhance the weapons systems on navy missile boats by expanding their visible horizon and guiding anti-ship Harpoon missiles to their targets. They will also hunt submarines and carry out search and rescue operations.

The navy purchased the French-designed Panther from the American Eurocopter Corp.

Built by the French Aerospatiale company, the Panther replaces the Dolphin, which has been in service since 1985.

The purchase of the Panthers found the navy embroiled in controversy, when it was discovered Israel paid nearly \$12 million more than it should have, with Israeli and American intermediaries pocketing the difference. At hree people were convict of fraud and Vice-Adm. (res.) Alex Eyal, former director of procurement for the navy, has been questioned over the sales

scheme. The Panther's three-man crew is made up of a pilot, navigator, and a communications officer. The Panther takes off from and lands on a small aft platform on the navy's cruiser class Sa'ar 4.5 and Sa'ar 5 missile ships, nicknamed "the smallest aircraft carriers in the world."

The cooperation between the air force and navy lets the chopper be maintained at sea. The Panther is based on the Dolphin's original mid-1970s design, but its problematic US-built engine has been replaced with a more powerful French one. Its avionics have all been upgraded a genera-

Chopper crash report delayed

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai agreed yesterday to a request for an extension by the commission of inquiry into the February 4 collision of two transport helicopters that killed 73 ser-

The report, which was to have been completed by March 20, will now be presented on April 15, the Commission head David Ivry requested the delay in response to demands by the attorneys of four officers, who may face disciplinary action due to the commission's findings, that the commis-

sion hear more testimony. Ivry said the collection of evidence was in its final stages, but that the committee found itself obligated to allow the four officers the right to a hearing and to call witnesses before the commission.

Two weeks after the crash, the inquiry presented an interim report which noted that murky regulations may have led to the crash.

Ivry's letter said the commission would try very hard to keep the extended investigation to less than a month. Copies of the letter also were sent to Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen Amnon Lipkm-Shahak and Judge Advocate General Brig.-Gen. Uri Shoham.

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The four officers involved were questioned under caution and have sought legal counsel. They are exercising their right to summon Apparently they intend to fight to clear their names from the hint of responsibility the commission has placed on them for faults that may have led to the crash.

It is expected that the officers will summon senior commanders, including OC Air Force Mai.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu, who has reportedly sought legal counsel.

The four officers are Brig.-Gen. G, commander of the Tel Nof air base, where the CH-53 squadrons are based; Yasur squadron commander Lt.-Col. E.; E.'s deputy, Maj. Y.; and the operations officer for the Galilee Panhandle, Brig.-Maj. A.

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's daily Mifal Hapayis Chance draw were the ace of spades, jack of hearts, eight of diamonds and jack of

